



American Guild of
ORGANISTS
Central North Carolina Chapter

COOPER-MILLER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Scholarship Background

The Cooper-Miller Organ Scholarship was established by the Board in 2008 and is presented in memory of two distinguished organists from Raleigh, North Carolina, to encourage promising young musicians and support them in the early stages of their organ education. One or more winners are chosen each year at the direction of the Scholarship Committee to receive financial assistance in their studies. Applicants are heard in person at a church in Raleigh, NC, each year. Since our Andersen Scholarship is primarily for older students, the Cooper-Miller Scholarship is meant to assist students in the earlier stages of their musical studies.

Application Process

To apply for the Cooper-Miller Scholarship, complete this application and return your completed application to Lorraine Magnuson (raineymag@gmail.com).

A complete application will include:

- Application Form
- Letter of Recommendation from teacher(s), including both specific criteria on a set scale and descriptive comment
- Student's written statement of goals and intentions in organ study and service
- Statement from parents/guardian/responsible party that they will encourage/support student's interest in studying organ

Note: A statement of financial need from parents/guardian/responsible party may be submitted

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 1 of 3

(to be completed by the student)

Applicant _____ Date _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____

Instruments studied _____

Years of Study _____

Music instructors _____

Tell us why you are applying and what you hope to accomplish if you win this award. Please include your goals and intentions related to your organ study and service to the community:

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2 of 3

(to be completed by the student)

Audition Titles:

Hymn/Song

Title

Source hymnal/collection

1st Piece (solo for worship service)

Title

Composer/Arranger

2nd Piece

Title

Composer/Arranger

PARENT/GUARDIAN STATEMENT 3 of 3

(to be completed by parent/guardian)

Please provide a statement of your intentions to encourage and support this student's interest in studying organ. How might the scholarship funds be used? Would your family be able to provide transportation for attendance at an educational workshop?

Send completed application to:

Lorraine Magnuson

Chair, Scholarship Committee

8825 O'Neal Road

Raleigh, NC 27613

raineymag@gmail.com

(Electronic submissions preferable)

Applications are to be submitted by the application deadline posted at centralncago.org

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION 1 of 2

(to be completed by the student's teacher)

To the Applicant:

Please provide this 2-page form to your teacher(s) after you have completed the top portion.

This recommendation will not be disclosed to any unauthorized individual without your consent. You will be accorded access to its contents unless you voluntarily waive your right of access.

I have read the information above and hereby

_____waive

_____do not waive

my right of access to this document.

Name of Applicant _____

*Signature _____ Date _____

To the Recommender:

Your willingness to provide information about the applicant named above, who is applying for the Cooper-Miller Organ Scholarship, is greatly appreciated. The applicant will have access to this recommendation unless he/she has waived that right.

Please return this form to:

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Raleigh, NC 27613

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Name of Recommender _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

*- Signature lines can be electronic

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION 2 of 2

(to be completed by the student's teacher)

1) How long and under what circumstances have you known the applicant?

2) Please evaluate the applicant using the following chart.

If you are unable to judge, please indicate.

Initiative

Below Average___; Average___; Good___; Excellent___; Exceptional___; Unable to judge___

Motivation

Below Average___; Average___; Good___; Excellent___; Exceptional___; Unable to judge___

Perseverance

Below Average___; Average___; Good___; Excellent___; Exceptional___; Unable to judge___

Maturity

Below Average___; Average___; Good___; Excellent___; Exceptional___; Unable to judge___

Interpersonal skills

Below Average___; Average___; Good___; Excellent___; Exceptional___; Unable to judge___

Communication skills

Below Average___; Average___; Good___; Excellent___; Exceptional___; Unable to judge___

Potential for growth

Below Average___; Average___; Good___; Excellent___; Exceptional___; Unable to judge___

3) Why do you feel this student should receive a scholarship?

Your observations and comments will assist the Scholarship Committee in its deliberations.

*Signature_____Date_____

* - Signature lines can be electronic