

**Ocean County Chapter**  
of the  
**American Guild of Organists**



## **Elsie Madsen Fischer Organ Education Grant**

Elsie Madsen Fischer was the founding dean of our Chapter. She was dedicated to church music, supported a number of community music organizations, and nurtured the talents of many organ and piano students. She is fondly remembered by all who knew her.

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this grant is to provide funds for organ studies which will build the skills of church organists. Some examples of the kind of organ studies suitable for receiving this grant are an organ course for credit at a college; an organ-centered workshop, conference, or seminar; preparation for an AGO certificate; and a defined number of private organ lessons.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

An applicant must be an Ocean County, NJ resident or a member of the Ocean County Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

## **APPLICATION**

To apply, submit the following information by February 15th to Barbara D'Ippolito, Dean, at [oceancountyago@gmail.com](mailto:oceancountyago@gmail.com).

- What is the organ studies plan?
- When do you expect to start and finish the plan?
- What is the estimated cost of the plan?
- What church music experience have you had?
- What previous organ studies have you completed?

Be sure to include your name, address, phone number, and email address. In addition, please submit 3 written references. Each reference must include the referring person's name, email, and phone number; it should include a statement explaining how the referring person knows you, as well as offer comments on your character and musical ability.

After everything is submitted, a mutual date and place will be made with the applicant and the scholarship committee. A short interview will take place and we request that you play a hymn and an organ composition of your choosing.

## **AMOUNT OF GRANT**

The amount of this grant will vary according to available funds. It should be no more than 10% of our chapter's account balance as of February 15th. The amount of this grant will not exceed the cost of the proposed organ studies. More than one away may be given in a calendar year if enough funds are available.

Any questions, please contact me.

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