

Start: May 1, 2021 **Deadline:** May 31, 2021

Grace Period: None

Application Fee (USD): \$0.00 ?

Applications: 1 in progress

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Forms

Salisbury Scholarship

1. **I am not a child or grandchild of an AGO staff member, AGO National Council Member, AGO Scholarship Committee Member, or a relative of Dr. Kopp or The Rev. Dr. Stout-Kopp.**
2. **Indicate your gender identity.**
This question is not required.
3. **Enter your date of birth.**
4. **Upload all undergraduate and graduate transcripts.**
Your transcripts should contain all four years of your college studies and any additional upper level study.
5. **Enter the number of years of your musical studies.**

6. **Enter the number of years of your work as a professional musician and list your positions.**
7. **Upload your resume.**
Upload a resume if available.
8. **Enter the name and address of the institution where you will pursue your Master's or Doctoral degree in the fall of 2021.**
Please note, your scholarship award will only be valid at the first-choice school entered here.
9. **Enter the name and address of the second-choice institution where you will study in the fall of 2021.**
If you are awarded the scholarship for the first-choice school (above) and subsequently opt for your second-choice school, the award decision will be reviewed by the scholarship committee.
10. **Enter the phone number of the first-choice school entered above.**
11. **Is this a public or private institution?**
12. **Have you already been accepted for admission to this school?**
13. **Upload your letter of acceptance.**
If you have not already been accepted leave blank.
14. **Enter your area of concentration.**
15. **Enter the name of the degree you will pursue in the 2021-22 academic year and when you expect to complete it.**
16. **Why do you need this scholarship? Please explain the degree to which you have financial need. Outline any extenuating circumstances.**
Your essay should not be more than 750 words, and it will be enhanced if you include specific details wherever possible. You may copy your essay and paste it into the window below.
17. **Describe your passion for your field of study.**
Discuss why you are pursuing graduate or doctoral study. What brought you to pursue higher education? How will your graduate or doctoral degree aid you as a performer, academic, or conductor in the area of sacred music? Do you plan to teach and/or publish? Be specific wherever possible. Your essay should not be more than 750 words, and it will be enhanced if you include specific details wherever possible. You may copy your essay and paste it into the window below.
18. **If you are currently employed by a church, synagogue, or other religious institution, do you intend to continue your employment while pursuing your graduate or doctoral studies?**
19. **All my application materials may be shared with the American Guild of Organists staff members, scholarship committee members, and consultants involved in the scholarship selection process.**

20. **All of the information provided in this application is truthful and fairly represents me as a candidate for this scholarship.**

By typing your name in the space provided below, you confirm the truthfulness and fair representation of your application.

Salisbury Scholarship - Performances & Samples

1. **Enter your proposed field of study. Select one option only.**

The Salisbury Scholarships are intended for study of either the Organ, Musicology, or Choral Conducting.

** This question has conditional followup questions.*

Salisbury Scholarship - Financial information

1. **What tax year are you reporting?**

Enter 2019 only if the 2020 figures are unavailable. The following questions, #2 through #5, should refer back to the tax year you are entering here.

2. **For the tax year that you entered above, were you self-supporting?**

** This question has conditional followup questions.*

3. **Enter your adjusted gross income for the tax year you entered above. This will be either yours if you are self-supporting or the person or persons who claimed you as a dependent.**

This amount can be found on line 4 of IRS form EZ, line 21 of IRS form 1040A, or line 37 of IRS form 1040.

4. **How many dependents are listed on the tax form for the year that you entered above?**

5. **Have you already completed the FAFSA for scholarship aid in the 2020-21 academic year?**

FAFSA is the Free Application for Federal Student Student Aid. You must complete a FAFSA to be eligible for this scholarship award.

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6. **Enter the Cost of Attendance for the school you plan to attend.**

This COA is an annual figure calculated by schools and other institutions of higher learning. It is readily available from your school and most likely available on their website.

7. **Have you already accepted a scholarship award from your chosen school or from other sources?**

Many students receive financial assistance from a variety of sources. Please enter the scholarship provider(s) with the amount(s).

8. **Have there been any significant changes or financial challenges for you individually or your family in the past 12 months?**

** This question has conditional followup questions.*

9. I agree that the financial information provided above may be shared with the American Guild of Organists staff members, education committee members, and consultants involved in the scholarship selection process.
10. **All of the financial information provided in this application is truthful and fairly represents me as a candidate for this scholarship.**
- By typing your name in the space provided below, you confirm the truthfulness and fair representation of the financial information above.

References

Applicant will be asked to provide exactly 2 references.

Recommenders will be allowed to enter text only.

Applicant instructions:

Your application requires two letters of reference from music/education professionals for either the master's or doctoral award. These may include your last organ teacher, undergraduate music professor, choral conducting teacher and/or the supervising clergy at your church or religious institution of employment. Click the blue "Add Reference" tab below. Notice that you may include a "Personal Message" to your recommender. Stay in touch with your recommenders - the AGO is not responsible for recommenders who fail to submit a supporting letter by the application deadline.

Recommender instructions:

Thank you for submitting a letter of recommendation for a young musician applying for an AGO Kopp-Stout Scholarship Award! Your letter should contain sufficient detail so the scholarship committee can fairly assess the student's potential. Please include the length of time you have known the student and in what capacity or role. Also include your professional title and school, institution, or organization with which you are affiliated. Your letter should underscore the applicant's achievements in organ, musicological, or choral studies, the applicant's potential for future success and commitment to the field. Your letter should not exceed 1000 words.