



Youth Representative to the Board
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GEORGE WRIGHT MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP

Sponsoring a young person to attend their first
ATOS annual convention in Los Angeles, California
June 30-July 4, 2012

APPLICATION RULES, PROCEDURES & GENERAL INFORMATION

(Revised January 2012)

The George Wright Memorial Fellowship (GWMF) is a program sponsored by the American Theatre Organ Society (ATOS) to pay for a young person to attend his or her first ATOS Annual Convention. The next ATOS Annual Convention will take place June 30-July 4, 2012 in Los Angeles, California and surrounding areas. ATOS covers approved convention expenses and related travel costs of the winner as outlined below. A maximum number of candidates shall be selected for the Fellowship depending on the interest and earnings accrued from the GWMF fund.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Applicants must be 15 to 24 years of age as of the deadline to submit the application, and must not have ever attended a previous ATOS convention. Applicants who will be under the age of 18 as of the date of the convention must be accompanied and supervised by a parent, legal guardian, or an adult specified by his/her parent or guardian. ATOS will not cover the expenses of the adult. However, the candidate and adult may share the hotel room paid for by ATOS. If the winner is not an ATOS member, ATOS will pay membership dues for the winner for one year, provided he/she has never previously had a membership in ATOS.

In order to apply for the Fellowship, the applicant must submit the following materials:

- (1) A completed two-page application form, typed or neatly written in blue or black ink;
- (2) An essay not to exceed two (2) double-spaced typed pages describing how attending an ATOS Annual Convention will benefit the applicant. Additional information describing the applicant's accomplishments and/or involvement with the theatre organ or other groups is helpful.
- (3) A letter of recommendation by an adult other than a family member. This person may be a teacher, scout leader, church worker, employer, etc. The writer should discuss how he or she knows the applicant, any information about his/her involvement and leadership in any group, the level of his/her involvement or enthusiasm in the theatre organ world, and how attending the convention will benefit the applicant. The recommendation letter should be signed, and the address and phone number of the writer should be included.
- (4) Proof of age (drivers license, student ID, passport, etc.)
- (5) If the applicant will be under the age of 18 by the time of the convention, the parental permission form on page 2 of the application must also be completed, signed, and included.
- (6) Any additional information that he/she feels should be considered.

All applications and supporting materials must be emailed or postmarked no later than SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2012.

The winner is expected to attend all major events of the convention, including scheduled concerts, the ATOS Annual Membership Meeting, the Annual Members' Forum, and the banquet and/or awards presentation. The winner is encouraged to attend and participate in seminars and other scheduled meetings and events. Participation in any preglow and afterglow activities is optional and at the expense of the winner.

After the close of the convention, the winner is required to submit a signed list of all events he/she attended. He/she shall also submit an article for the Theatre Organ Journal on the subject of "My First ATOS Convention." The signed list and article must be submitted to the Youth Representative to the Board by August 31, 2012. Receipts for fees to be reimbursed are to be sent at this time. Fees that are to be reimbursed will be sent after all of these materials are received by the Youth Representative to the Board.

EXPENSES COVERED BY THE FELLOWSHIP

ATOS will cover the following expenses for any winner selected for the Fellowship:

- Convention registration fee
- Banquet
- Hotel costs at convention rates for the nights the convention is in session
- Lowest economy round-trip airfare or other transportation from the applicant's residence to and from the convention.

The fellowship does not cover expenses relating to preglow and afterglow activities (if any), meals, personal or incidental expenses, expenses for an adult supervisor for candidates under the age 18, or any other expense not specified above.

METHOD OF PAYMENT OF APPROVED EXPENSES

The convention registration fee and banquet fee will be paid directly by ATOS when the winner is selected. Transportation and hotel expenses will be reimbursed by ATOS after the winner has submitted the requested information and the article for the Theatre Organ Journal.

If you require additional information or if you have any questions, please contact the Youth Representative to the Board at the address above.