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## ***Flying Musicians 2020 Solo Scholarship Recipients***

**June 10, 2020, Fort Worth, TX:** The Flying Musicians Association (FMA) is proud to announce, even during these uncertain times, that they have awarded two FMA Solo scholarship recipients: Jacob Burdette from Ohio and Jake Myers from Pennsylvania.

In awarding 2 scholarships this year, FMA now boast thirteen total. There were thirty-nine outstanding nominees from all across the United States and Canada. The selection committee continues to be overwhelm. John Zapp, co-founder and President of FMA, said, “The great news is that FMA has grown by thirty-nine student musicians.”

The FMA Solo Scholarships are made possible by our sponsors, donors, and members’ donating their time and talents; and through hosting FMA’s popular HangarJAMs and music for corporations at events across the country.

Follow Jacob and Jake as they blog about their journey. Visit [www.FMAsolo.org](http://www.FMAsolo.org) to congratulate and add your words of encouragement and wisdom.

**The 2021 FMA Solo program kicks off this fall.** This scholarship is unique, bringing an aspiring music student from zero time to solo. FMA covers roughly fifteen hours of dual instruction, online ground school, training materials, and additional products from sponsors. FMA envisioned and instituted this scholarship program because it recognizes the parallel skills involved in flying and performing music and wants to promote both areas of growth in our inspired and dedicated future leaders.

### **Soar with FMA into the Roaring Twenties – FMA’s Second Decade – with a NEW Website.**

The original website has been serving us well since 2008 but certainly is showing signs of age. Visit <http://FlyingMusicians.org>, find out about us, join us, and support us so we soar into this new decade.

**How has the pandemic hurt FMA? Lots!** Our primary source of funds come from the opportunities at various events throughout the year. This Year! After a very successful event in January at The NAMM Show (National Association of Music Merchants) in Anaheim, California, everything has dried up. No Lakeland. No Nashville. No Oshkosh. And no AOPA events. Lots of smaller events dried up too. We are asking you to HELP us get through this difficult time so the music doesn’t die.

*“Flying and music are my two passions in life and the Flying Musicians have put both of those together for a great cause. I believe educating the next generation is so important for music and aviation to continue on.” – Aaron Tippin*

*“My wife and I want to help where we can and so we decided to sponsor an FMA scholarship ourselves through the Auen O’Shea Family Fund. Music and aviation are deeply rooted in our family and combining the two through FMA is a worthwhile endeavor. We encourage others to*

*do the same. Visit the FMA website and get inspired yourself, or better yet meet one or more of these impressive young adults. Consider sponsoring a scholarship. It won't break the bank, and it provides a valuable boost for deserving applicants.”- Jeff Auen*

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**About the Flying Musicians Association, Inc.:**

The Flying Musicians Association (FMA) is a 501(C)(3) nonprofit corporation (EIN: 80-0433326) for pilot/musicians, spanning the globe, proficiency levels, and genres. Members share their passions in order to inspire, educate, and encourage through performances, presentations, networking, and scholarships.

Donate or arrange a bequest. If you believe in the joys of music and flying, and the future, there is no better way to make a lasting difference. We're doing it together, one student at a time.

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**Pictures of Jacob Burdette and Jake Myers are attached and can be found at [www.FMASolo.org](http://www.FMASolo.org), or by request.**