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Flying Musicians Seeks Student Musician Solo Scholarship nominations

December 18, 2019, Fort Worth, TX: The Flying Musicians Association (FMA) is grateful to announce the *Denny Scalise Memorial FMA Solo Scholarship*, which enhances the FMA's Solo Scholarship program. The legacy scholarship program has averaged 2+ scholarships per year in its first five years and welcomed nearly two hundred new student members into the FMA network.

Dennis Joseph "Denny" Scalise, of State College (PA) passed away on July 11, 2017. Denny felt compelled to contribute to the growth of local student musicians who yearn to fly. To that end, Denny donated funds in 2016 for a local student, William Knauth, to learn at AvSport of Lock Haven (PA). Denny's widow, Katie Scalise, has carried on Denny's wishes and agreed with the Flying Musicians Association to name a new local scholarship in her late husband's name.

Katie, who has donated the funds for the scholarship in her late husband's name, said, "Denny always wanted to become a pilot. Finally, in retirement, he saw an opportunity at AvSport. He felt wonderful in the air, flying with his mentor and friend, Paul Shuch."

Thus, the *Denny Scalise Memorial FMA Solo Scholarship*, for a local (northeastern Pennsylvania) recipient will take flight lessons at **AvSport of Lock Haven** given by **CFI and FMA Director Professor Paul Shuch**.

The 2020 Denny Scalise Memorial FMA Solo Scholarship Program is open for **nominations from music teachers/directors in the northeast Pennsylvania area**. [Nominations](#) for the North American scholarships as well as the regional Denny Scalise Memorial Scholarship are being accepted now through January 31, 2020. Candidates must be a junior or senior high school music student with a passion for music and aviation. All nominees will receive a sponsored FMA student membership, an FMA shirt, and other items donated by FMA members and sponsors.

FMA President/CEO John Zapp said, "FMA members love assisting others who share our passions of flying and music. To be able to assist and watch our student members grow through aviation and music while inspiring others is such a rewarding experience. The program has soloed nine students, with two in the wings! There are now many additional private pilots that have come from this program." Zapp noted, "We are also looking for those in the aviation and music industry who want to jump on the [FMA Bandwagon](#) to be a part of this opportunity to grow future leaders – the right way."

Support the *Denny Scalise Memorial FMA Solo Scholarship* program.

"Denny was a kind charitable individual. He loved supporting and helping others." – Katie Scalise

To contribute to the *Denny Scalise Memorial FMA Solo Scholarship* please visit [PayPal](#) or email us at Education@FlyingMusicians.org.

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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 pilots who are musicians, spanning the globe, proficiency levels, and genres. Members share their passions in order to inspire, educate, encourage, and assist through performances, presentations, networking, and scholarships.

The [2020 FMA Solo Packet](#) is now available online.

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