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Flying Musicians 2023 Solo Scholarship Recipient

May 25, 2023 - Fort Worth, TX: The Flying Musicians Association (FMA) is proud to announce the selection of our sixteenth overall scholarship recipient of the FMA Solo program: Justin Duval from San Jose, California. Justin will begin flight training at [AeroDynamic Aviation](#) in San Jose at the [Reid-Hillview Airport of Santa Clara County \(KRHV\)](#).

Justin has the desire, passion, drive, and initiative to succeed in so many areas. His attention to detail and pursuit of all things aviation and music has stood him apart from many. His musical achievements have led to many opportunities like Carnegie Hall and the Oakland California Temple to perform pieces ranging from Sonatas to traditional Chinese music. Now we will all witness his growth in aviation. *“Much like music, aviation has been a constant obsession of mine, as I aspire to be a commercial airline pilot.”* – Justin Duval

Eighty-seven outstanding nominations were received from across the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico. The FMA board had to choose from 5 finalists. They were overwhelmed with the level of talent and passion. *“As typical all five are well qualified and talented. The decision is not easy.”* – Dr. Ian Blair Fries *“Again, terribly hard choices. Each nominee, every one of them, would be a good candidate.”* – Tim Kern, MBA, CAM *“Wow, all worthy finalists, what a hard choice!”* – Louise Vickerman, principal harpist Utah Symphony. *“If only we had the resources to fund more scholarships, I would have been delighted to select all five finalists!”* - Prof. H. Paul Shuch *“My heart is saddened knowing there are so many worthy individuals that we are unable to assist. We must do a better job raising funds.”* – John Zapp co-founder and President of FMA John Zapp, co-founder and President of FMA, said, *“The great news is that FMA has grown by eighty-seven very talented, motivated, and passionate student musicians. They will all make excellent members of our community.”*

The FMA Solo Scholarships are made possible by our sponsors, donors, and members donating their time and talents. We also raise funds through activities such as HangarJAMs and music at corporate functions. In addition, we look forward to support from across the aviation and music communities.

Follow Justin as he blogs about his learn to fly journey. Visit [FMAsolo.org](#) to congratulate and add your words of encouragement and wisdom.

Read more at [FlyingMusicians.org](#).

The 2024 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.

"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

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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, encourage, and assist through performances, presentations, networking, and scholarships.

Donate or arrange a bequest. If you believe in the joys and benefits 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. [PayPal.Me/FlyingMusicians](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?url=https://www.flyingmusicians.org/)

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Pictures of Justin Duval are attached and can be found at [FMAsolo.org](https://www.FMAsolo.org), or upon request.

