

# The Flying Musicians Association Opens Nominations for the 2026 FMA Solo Program / Scholarship



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**Fort Worth, Texas—10/1/2025—** The Flying Musicians Association (FMA) is pleased to announce that nominations are now open for the 2026 FMA Solo Program. This unique scholarship is designed to recognize and reward exceptional high school music students who also have a strong passion for aviation.

The FMA Solo Program offers a flight training scholarship that sponsors selected recipients through their first solo flight, approximately 15 hours of dual flight time. Additionally, awardees receive:

- \* Assistance in obtaining flight training materials and gear.
- \* A sponsored student membership to the FMA.
- \* An official FMA shirt and other merchandise.
- \* The role of a designated FMA Youth Ambassador for their region. Opportunities to perform outreach at events.
- \* All Nominees are assigned a mentor.

"The FMA Solo program is built on the belief that the discipline, practice, and concentration required to master a musical instrument are the same attributes that make a successful pilot," said John Zapp, President/CEO of the FMA. "We look for students who have been taught the 'right stuff' through their music training and are ready to apply those skills to the cockpit."

### **How to Nominate a Student**

To be eligible, a student must be a junior or senior in high school who is nominated by their music director or teacher. Music directors are encouraged to nominate students who have demonstrated a passion for both music and aviation. Nominees must meet the following criteria:

- \* Minimum age of 16 by March 31, 2026.
- \* Be able to obtain a 3rd Class FAA medical certificate or equivalent (USA applicants).
- \* Have proof of citizenship for the country where training will take place.
- \* Have parental approval if under 18 years of age.

All nominees will receive a student membership, sponsored by generous members, and a welcome package with an FMA shirt and SWAG.

Nominations for the 2026 program will be accepted online. The deadline for submission is **January 31, 2026**. Finalists will be announced on March 1, 2026, with the recipient(s) being officially notified on May 1, 2026.

More information and nomination forms can be found at the FMA website, [FlyingMusicians.org](http://FlyingMusicians.org).

### **About the Flying Musicians Association**

The Flying Musicians Association (FMA) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to pilots who are also musicians. Spanning the globe, FMA members represent all proficiency levels and musical genres. The association's mission is to inspire, educate, encourage, and assist personal growth in both music and aviation by bringing these two passionate worlds together.

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2025 FMA Solo Recipient

2025 FMA SOLO Recipient, Lauren Grace Compton, now attends the United States Air Force Academy. Read her post at [Ambassador Update from the US Air Force Academy – Flying Musicians Association, Inc.](#)