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Recipient Selected out of Forty-Two Nominees

Flying Musicians 2026 Solo Scholarship Recipient Selected

May 20, 2026 - Fort Worth, TX: Introducing the Flying Musicians Association, Inc. (FMA) Solo Scholarship program recipient, Cameron Milleman of Muncie, Indiana:



“I’m so excited to start my flight training this summer thanks to the Flying Musicians Association! Without their Solo Award program providing flight training to young and bright musicians, I wouldn’t be able to reach for my dream of becoming a private pilot before I graduate high school.”

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.

Cameron Milleman, at the top of his junior year in Muncie, Indiana, is an award-winning pianist and trumpeter and has twice been selected for the Indiana Music Education Association's honor band. He has received the Carl A. Spaatz Award in the Civil Air Patrol cadet program and plans to attend the USAF Academy or Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana to pursue Aeronautical Engineering and/or Professional Flight.

How the Scholarship is awarded:

An amazing twenty-eight of 2026's forty-two nominees were high school Junior musicians which includes the 2026 recipient. Twenty-three states were represented with two nominees from Canada. An overwhelming level of talent and passion. Pre-screening narrowed the finalists to six. *"As typical, all six are well qualified and talented. The decision is not easy."* – Dr. Ian Blair Fries *"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 six finalists!"* - Prof. H. Paul Shuch *"I am thrilled to award this scholarship, yet 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.

Follow Cameron's progress.

You can follow Cameron's journey towards solo and support his development and pursuit of a future in aviation. Visit FMAsolo.org to read more about Cameron and congratulate him -- and add your words of encouragement, support, and wisdom.

The 2027 Solo Scholarship:

The floor opens for nominations for the 2027 FMA Solo program 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.

"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 to inspire, educate, encourage, and assist through performances, presentations, mentoring, networking, and scholarships.

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Additional pictures of Cameron Milleman upon request.