



Melanoma Foundation of New England Awards \$1,000 College Scholarships to Six Students Across the Country

BOSTON, Mass. (May 3, 2016) - [Melanoma Foundation of New England \(MFNE\)](#), a non-profit aimed at reducing the incidence of melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer, today awards six college students \$1,000 each for participating in the [“Your Skin Is In” college ambassador program](#). The winners were as follows:



Courtney Banzi, Bridgewater State University, Bridgewater, MA



Nicole Hajek, Boston University, Boston, MA



Beth Jenkins, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA



Molly McKechney, Lasell College, Auburndale, MA



Jenna Mucci, Lasell College, Auburndale, MA



Courtney Sill, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN

“One of the best ways to create positive change is to start with young people and teach them about the dangers of sun overexposure and tanning,” said Deb Girard, Executive Director, MFNE. “We hope these ambassadors will share their knowledge and inspire others to spread the word about melanoma prevention.”

“Your Skin Is In” is an educational, pledge based program that encourages teens and young adults to make a personal promise that they will protect the skin they’re in. Over the past eight years, the Melanoma Foundation of New England has exposed over half a million students to this award-winning, educational program.

In 2016, Your Skin Is In created a [college ambassador program](#). To qualify for scholarship consideration, students were asked to take an eLearning lesson; take the [Your Skin Is In Pledge](#) and obtain pledges from classmates, family and friends; then submit an application explaining what they did on campus as an Ambassador and the number of pledges obtained.

Melanoma is **rising faster than any other cancer** with one person every 50 minutes dying from the disease. Studies show that **with daily sunscreen protection, the risk of melanoma is preventable.**

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About the Melanoma Foundation of New England

The Melanoma Foundation of New England (MFNE) was founded in 1999 by Mel and Marilyn Rubin in memory of their son Mark who lost his battle with melanoma. MFNE’s mission is to reduce the incidence of melanoma in the New England region. We provide a [variety of educational programs](#) targeting the prevention and early detection of skin cancer and melanoma for both children and adults. MFNE also assists patients and their caregivers struggling with melanoma by offering [support groups](#), [educational programs](#), and [Billy’s Buddies](#), a one-on-one patient advocacy and support program. These programs are all free. The Melanoma Foundation of New England is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.