The Jackie Spellman Scholarship Foundation Awards Scholarships to Cancer Survivors and their immediate family members that may not have financial means to pursue Secondary Education

Jackie’s Story

Jackie Spellman, at the age of 24, was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML). For those of you that are unfamiliar with Jackie, here is a little background on this incredibly amazing woman. Jackie grew up in Wethersfield, CT. Following her graduation from High School, she moved to Boston, MA to attend Northeastern University where she was a starting defender for their Division-1 NCAA soccer team. Jackie graduated with honors, receiving her degree in Business Marketing while breaking Northeastern soccer records and mentoring young women in the Big Sister program. After graduation, she moved to Houston, TX after accepting an offer to work with the NFL’s Houston Texans.

Jackie was extremely excited for this new opportunity but after only one week on the job in the marketing/sales department, she learned of her diagnosis. Jackie was admitted for treatment at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. Sadly, on April 28th, 2009 Jackie passed away from this incredibly devastating disease.

In July 2009, the family decided to form a 501.c.3 non-profit foundation that awards educational scholarships to those that have been affected by Leukemia or Lymphoma. The Family feels that the Foundation will keeps Jackie’s name alive indefinitely and provide benefit to cancer survivors that may not have financial means to pursue secondary education on their own.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

These are some of recipients that were awarded $2,000 Scholarships from our Foundation
There are Four Main Types of Leukemia

- Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML)
- Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL)
- Chronic Myeloid Leukemia (CML)
- Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL)

Did You Know...

- One person in the U.S. is diagnosed with blood cancer approximately every four minutes.
- An estimated combined total of 140,310 people in the U.S. were diagnosed with either leukemia, lymphoma or myeloma in 2011.
- New cases of leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma will account for 9 percent of the 1,596,670 new cancer cases diagnosed in the United States this year.
- Approximately every 10 minutes, someone in the U.S. dies from blood cancer. This statistic represents nearly 145 people each day or more than six people every hour.
- There are an estimated 274,930 people living with or in remission from leukemia in the U.S.
- In 2011–44,600 people were expected to be diagnosed with leukemia.
- In 2011–21,780 people were expected to die from leukemia.
- Leukemia causes almost one-third of all cancer deaths in children and adolescents younger than 15 years.
- NHL (Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma) is the seventh most common cancer in the U.S., and age adjusted incidence rose by more than 82.5 percent from 1975 to 2008.

![Bar chart showing survival rates for different types of cancer](image)

**Figure 1.** Source SEER (Surveillance Epidemiology and End Results) Cancer Statistics Review: 1975-2008 National Cancer Institute; 2011.

*The difference in rates between 1975-1977 and 2001-2007 is statistically significant (P< .05)

1Survival rate among whites.
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