

IBCLC Scholarship Program: Information, Eligibility, and Online Application Link

About the IBCLC Scholarship:

The Maryland Breastfeeding Coalition's (MBC) mission is to promote, support and protect breastfeeding for all Maryland families. Outreach by MBC to a wide range of community groups of color in our state revealed a desire for breastfeeding education to better support women in their communities, including the desire to become an IBCLC. The number one barrier identified was "The money to pay the tuition to take the college and lactation courses." In order to cultivate a community of diverse professional lactation supporters MBC is raising funds for scholarships for people of color in Maryland. Through financial support of their lactation education journey, we hope to eliminate the number one barrier cited to completing the education and training required to become an IBCLC.

The scholarship will pay the costs of:

- 90-hour Lactation Education Course **OR** a clinical internship
- Payment of IBCLC Exam fees

Eligible Applicants:

- Are members of an historically under-represented group of lactation care providers
- Are currently working with mothers and babies who are members of underserved populations (for example in organizations such as Baltimore Healthy Start, Baltimore Doula Program, or the Special Supplemental Nutrition Services Program, also known as WIC)
- Have completed the required health sciences education – *click [here](#) for more information on the required health sciences education*
- Are current members of the Maryland Breastfeeding Coalition

Application: Please click on this [link](#) to access the online application form