

Scholarship Information, Application Link and Donation 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 offering scholarships for people of color in Maryland who wish to become an IBCLC. Last year MBC supported four people of color with this program. This year our goal will be to support at least two people with this program. 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.

Our goal to raise \$2300 annually has been met and will cover the costs of two persons this year. If you are a member of an historically underrepresented group in the field of lactation and you would like to become an IBCLC please click [here](#) to read more about the scholarship, including eligibility and application.

Please click [here](#) to donate to the scholarship fund to continue to support this program in future years. We welcome donations from individuals and WHO Code compliant businesses. Your name will be displayed on the Donor Wall of our website. If you are a lactation consultant and wish to donate in the name of someone who mentored you through your own training, please include their name and we will recognize them as a "Mentor Champion" on our website.

We thank you for your interest in our scholarship program and/or your donation!