



MILCC

Monetary Investment for Lactation Consultant Certification
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Information about Applying for Financial Assistance

MILCC, Monetary Investment for Lactation Consultant Certification, is an international organization that provides financial assistance to applicants who are seeking certification or recertification by the International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners (IBLCE).

Full or partial financial assistance for exam or recertification fees is available for applicants who demonstrate financial disadvantage, with priority given to applicants who work with under-served or disadvantaged families. The number of applicants supported each year, in both developed and developing countries throughout the world, depends on the availability of funds, which come from donations and grants.

A MILCC applicant must have **completed** all IBLCE eligibility requirements (including background courses, lactation education and practice hours) at the time of application, otherwise the MILCC application cannot be considered.

MILCC cannot assess your application without a detailed presentation about your family income and circumstances, as well as detailed information about your paid and/or voluntary work. Your MILCC Application is active only for the year you apply to be a candidate for the IBLCE exam or to recertify. You will be notified as soon as possible whether your application has been successful, but at the latest by May 31. If you are not funded, you may choose to proceed with your exam or recertification application at your own expense.

If you receive assistance, you may be requested by MILCC to complete a survey form about your lactation consultant practice for the year following the year when assistance was received. Application for financial assistance constitutes agreement to complete such a survey.



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Application Instructions and Checklist

- Closing date: Your application must be postmarked on or before February 15 in the year you wish to apply for certification or recertification. This deadline applies to all MILCC applicants, including those applying to be a candidate for the IBLCE exam and those applying for recertification by exam or by CERPs.
- Follow the instructions on the MILCC Application Form.
- Make a copy of your whole application for your own records.
- Mail your complete IBLCE Application and your MILCC Application together, directly to IBLCE at the IBLCE Office address in your Candidate Information Guide.
- Only a complete MILCC application will be considered, and only when it is submitted with a complete IBLCE application. You must including all required information and accompanying materials for both applications.

Once your IBLCE eligibility is established, the MILCC application will be sent to MILCC for assessment. MILCC will only consider applicants who have been determined by IBLCE as fully eligible to be accepted as a candidate for the IBLCE exam or for recertification.

- Mail your complete MILCC Application in the same package as your complete IBLCE Exam or Recertification Application including all supporting documentation for both applications.
- IBLCE and MILCC will ensure the confidentiality of your name, contact details and personal information. They will not be passed on or made available to any third party.



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Monetary Investment for Lactation Consultant Certification (MILCC) Scholarship Application Form

Please read carefully the "Information about Applying for Financial Assistance"

I am applying for a MILCC Scholarship

I am applying for the JWS Scholarship
(I am a mother-to-mother support counselor)

Applicant's Name: _____
(please print)

Address: _____

Country: _____

Phone: () _____ () _____
(work phone) (home phone)

E-mail Address: _____

1. Are you a recertifying IBCLC? YES NO

If yes, please provide your IBLCE ID number: _____

2. Have you applied for or received other funding in relation to your IBLCE exam preparation, exam fees or recertification fees? YES NO

If yes, please specify how much has been applied for/received: _____

3. Have you received a MILCC or JWS scholarship before? YES NO

If yes, in which year did you receive the scholarship? _____

If yes, did you successfully certify/recertify? YES NO

4. If you are not a currently certified IBCLC, have you been a candidate for the IBLCE exam before this year? YES NO

If yes, when? _____

5. Please list the credentials you hold: (e.g., RN, MD)

6. If there is insufficient funds to award the full amount you requested, would you be willing to accept a partial scholarship? YES NO

If yes, please indicate how much you can afford to pay: _____



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Please answer the following questions on separate pages and attach the pages to your completed MILCC application.

7. Explain why MILCC should extend financial assistance to you so that you can certify or recertify as an IBCLC. Please support your explanation by:

- describing your financial situation
- outlining your reasons for requesting assistance, including any changes in your situation that has affected or may affect your family's income this year.

It is in your best interest to provide sufficient information and documentation to prove and support your case. If available, please attach supporting documentation such as pay vouchers or income tax returns.

8. Describe your paid and/or voluntary work. Please include a description of the:

- breastfeeding families that you serve
- the extent to which your work includes working with under-served or disadvantaged families.

9. Describe your anticipated use of the IBCLC credential.

- Where do you plan to use your credential?
- Will your work include working with under-served or disadvantaged breastfeeding families?
- How will the IBCLC credential help you be a better practitioner of lactation and breastfeeding care?

I certify that all the information provided as part of this application and all attached documents are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Applicant

Date

MILCC Applications must be postmarked on or before February 15. Please send your completed MILCC application, along with your completed IBLCE certification or recertification application to the IBLCE Regional Director or the Country Coordinator indicated in your Exam Candidate Supplement.

MILCC respects the privacy of applicants. To protect this privacy, information collected by MILCC will be used only by MILCC for the purpose of communicating with applicants. MILCC may contact former applicants regarding their applications or their practice. Additionally MILCC may utilize this information to solicit future donations to MILCC.