

JWS Scholarship

JoAnne W. Scott (JWS) Scholarship Fund
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Information about Financial Assistance for Applicants from Volunteer Mother-Support Groups

As the Founding Executive Director of the International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners (IBLCE), JoAnne W. Scott, MA, IBCLC, guided the organization with her special mix of knowledge, wisdom, compassion and caring from its inception in 1985 to 2005. Due to JoAnne's vision, persistence and hard work, this was a period of exceptional growth, both in numbers of IBCLCs and in terms of the credential's international acceptance as the lactation consultant profession's gold standard.

To honour JoAnne's contribution to the profession, the Monetary Investment for Lactation Consultant Certification (MILCC) has established the JoAnne W. Scott (JWS) Scholarship fund to fund an exam applicant from an accredited, volunteer mother to mother support group who would otherwise find it difficult to take the exam due to financial hardship. The scholarship may cover exam fees; travel to and from the nearest exam site if the candidate lives more than two hours from the nearest exam site and a lactation text book for use as a permanent resource. This would be dependent upon available funds. The JWS Scholarship review committee may at its sole discretion award a partial scholarship. Applicants who are not fully funded may proceed by paying the remainder of the exam fee at the early deadline fee rate, or postpone taking the exam and re-apply for a scholarship in a later year."

Applicants for the JWS Scholarship are required to submit a **complete** IBLCE exam application (including background courses, lactation education and practice hours) along with their scholarship application. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.** Exam applications will be evaluated for eligibility to sit the exam by IBLCE. Only those applicants who meet all IBLCE exam requirements will be considered by the JWS Scholarship review committee for a scholarship. The JWS Scholarship review committee retains the right to make the final determination about awarding scholarships to exam candidates who have met all IBLCE exam eligibility requirements.

Scholarship applicants must submit a detailed presentation about family income and circumstances, as well as detailed information about paid and/or volunteer work.

JWS Scholarship applications are active only for the year in which the IBLCE exam application is made. Notification of the scholarship committee's decision will be sent no later than May 31.

Exam applicants who are not funded have the option of choosing to proceed at their own expense, at the early deadline fee, or postpone taking the exam and re-apply for a scholarship in a later year.

If you receive financial assistance, you will be requested by MILCC to complete a short survey. The form will automatically be sent to you the following year. Application for financial assistance constitutes agreement to complete such a survey.

JWS Scholarships are reserved for applicants who can document a background as a volunteer mother-to-mother support leader. In addition to the JWS Scholarship, MILCC awards scholarships to deserving IBLCE exam candidates who do not have a background in volunteer, mother-to-mother support group leadership. More information on the MILCC scholarship may be found on the MILCC website, www.milcc.org "

Application Instructions and Checklist

- ⇒ **The Application for Financial Support is limited to candidates from volunteer mother-support groups.**
- ⇒ **Your complete IBLCE exam application together with your JWS Scholarship application must be *postmarked* no later than February 28 in the year you wish to be a candidate for the exam.**
- ⇒ **Before mailing, review your application to be sure all requested information has been provided.**
- ⇒ **Make a copy of your complete application for your own records.**
- ⇒ **Mail your *complete* IBLCE Application *together with* your JWS Scholarship Application, directly to the address listed below.**

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- ⇒ **Only a complete JWS Scholarship application will be considered, and only when it is submitted with a complete IBLCE application. You must include *all* required information and accompanying materials for both applications.**
- ⇒ **Once eligibility to sit the exam is established, the JWS Scholarship application will be sent to MILCC for assessment. MILCC will only consider applicants who have been assessed by IBLCE as fully eligible to be accepted as a candidate for the IBLCE exam.**
- ⇒ **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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2007 Scholarship Application Form

Before completing this form please read "Information about Applying for Financial Assistance"

Date: _____

Applicant's Name: (please print) _____

Address: _____

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

E-mail: _____

Have you applied for or received other funding in relation to your IBLCE exam preparation or exam? Yes No

Have you been a candidate for the IBLCE exam before? Yes No

If yes, when? _____

Please list any other credentials you hold: (e.g., RN, MD) _____

Please describe your accredited, volunteer mother-support background.

_____ (attach additional pages as needed)

1. Describe your financial situation outlining your reasons for requesting assistance.

Explain why the JWS Scholarship should extend financial assistance to you so you can certify as an IBCLC. It is in your best interests to provide sufficient information and documentation to prove and support your case. Attach appropriate documents showing **family income** (e.g. recent tax returns, assessments or documents showing current income). If your tax return/assessment for the most recent year has not been prepared at the time of your application you could include a copy of the previous year's return /assessment with copies of recent pay slips indicating the current year's **family income**. If appropriate, include a declaration outlining your family circumstances, signed before a Commissioner for Declarations, Justice of the Peace or equivalent. In all documents, the currency must be clearly indicated.

_____ (attach additional pages as needed, and supporting documentation)

2. Describe your paid and/or volunteer work and the extent to which this includes working with under-served or disadvantaged families.

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3. Describe your anticipated use of the IBCLC credential. Where do you plan to work and does this include working with under-served or disadvantaged families? How will being (or continuing to be) an IBCLC enhance your effectiveness?

_____ (attach additional pages as needed)

4. Write here the amount of financial assistance requested, showing the currency.

The early exam fee rates apply. If you need assistance for study materials and/or travel to the nearest exam site, please describe here as well.

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

Mail your *complete* JWS Scholarship Application in the same package as your *complete* IBLCE Exam Application including all supporting documentation for both applications.

JWS Scholarship Applications must be postmarked on or before February 28.

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