



***Marie Biancuzzo's Comprehensive Lactation Course:  
Cornerstones of Clinical Care and Exam Success***

**2017 Felix Biancuzzo Memorial Scholarship Application**

**"Education is cheaper than ignorance."**

**Felix Biancuzzo**

***Background***

This scholarship was created by Marie Biancuzzo to honor the memory of her father, Felix Biancuzzo, a truly self-made man who pursued opportunities for learning throughout the course of his lifetime. Born in 1915, Felix attended school and began working at age 9 to support his immigrant mother and siblings prior to and throughout the Great Depression. Later, he married the former Maria Cristini and together they raised three children. In recognition of his outstanding performance as a Ford franchisee, he was personally presented with an award by Henry Ford II. A dedicated worker throughout his life, Felix frequently gave his time, talents, and financial resources to the community.

***Purpose of Scholarship***

Breastfeeding Outlook is an organization that aims to support health care professionals in actively promoting, protecting, and supporting breastfeeding at the individual, interpersonal and system levels. We provide educational programs, publications, and materials for health care providers. With this scholarship Marie Biancuzzo recognizes individuals who are eager to provide evidence-based lactation support for breastfeeding mothers and their babies.

***Type of Award***

Winners of this scholarship will be eligible to attend the four-day *Comprehensive Lactation Course* at one location between July 1, 2017 and May 30, 2018 or to complete the all-online Lactation Consultant Core Concepts course. (See *Policies* section below for details.) Up to one full scholarship (covering all course

registration costs) and one partial scholarship (covering half of the course registration costs) will be awarded.

### **Eligibility**

1. Only **first-time** IBLCE exam candidates who are eligible to take the IBLCE exam between April 1, 2018 and October 30, 2018 may apply for the current scholarship cycle.
2. Previous winners of the Felix Biancuzzo Memorial Scholarship may not apply.

### **Policies**

1. This scholarship will cover only course registration fees (fully or in part) for the live Comprehensive Lactation Course or the online Lactation Consultant Core Concepts Course. Winner will be responsible for any travel, lodging or other costs incurred in the process of attending the live *Comprehensive Lactation Course*.
2. Winner must take the IBLCE exam prior to October 30, 2018.
3. Scholarship winners agree to have their name(s) and image(s) used in a press release and related public relations materials issued by Breastfeeding Outlook.
4. Scholarship applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 pm (Eastern Time) May 30, 2017. Winner(s) will be notified by June 30, 2017.

### **Scholastic Criteria**

The Felix Biancuzzo scholarship is not a need-based award. The winner(s) will be chosen by a Selection Committee comprised of Marie Biancuzzo and other Breastfeeding Outlook staff members according to the applicant's demonstrated ability to:

- Complete the scholarship application.
- Initiate self-learning and develop own knowledge and skills.
- Become actively aware of and involved in professional or community service activities related to breastfeeding; preference will be given to those who have been active members of breastfeeding coalitions or groups.

### **Selection of Potential Winners**

- The Selection Committee reserves the right not to grant the award at this time if criteria are not met.
- Any and all decisions of the Scholarship Committee are final and not subject to appeal.

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 Please answer each of the following questions completely.

Name	
Home street address	
Home city	
Home state	
Home zip code	
Home country	
Preferred email address	
Preferred phone number (Specify home, work, or cell)	
Employer name	
Current position	
Current credentials	

**Exam Eligibility**

What is your highest scholastic recognition achieved?	<input type="checkbox"/> High school diploma <input type="checkbox"/> 3-year nursing diploma <input type="checkbox"/> Associate's degree <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's degree <input type="checkbox"/> Master's degree <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Under which IBLCE pathway will you be applying?	<input type="checkbox"/> Pathway 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Pathway 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Pathway 3

When do you plan to sit for the IBLCE exam?	
Have you completed all IBLCE requirements for the pathway under which you are applying?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If not, please list what you still need to complete.	
IBLCE candidates are required to complete a specific number of clinical hours. How many hours have you currently completed towards that requirement?	
How many clinical hours do you still need to complete before applying for the exam?	
IBCLC candidates are required to complete a specific number of credits related to lactation. How many credits have you already earned towards that requirement?	
How many credits do you still need to complete before applying for the exam?	

***Self-Directed Learning***

<p>List the complete title, author, and journal of a research study you recently read.</p>	
<p><i>Based on that article:</i> What new knowledge does the study add to the current body of knowledge about lactation?</p>	
<p><i>Also based on that article:</i> How would you use this research study in clinical practice?</p>	

**System-Level Involvement**

<p>Please name the breastfeeding coalition whose meetings you attend, or that is in closest geographical proximity to you.</p> <p>Note: La Leche League meetings are not a coalition. You may answer about LLL involvement below (fifth question).</p>	
<p>Who is the leader of that coalition?</p>	
<p>How many times have you attended the coalition meeting in the past 3 years?</p>	
<p>If you are a member of a coalition, please describe your involvement (ex., member, officer, chair of a committee or project, etc.)</p>	
<p>Are there any other non-profit organizations or groups that you are involved with which support breastfeeding? If so, please list the name of the organization, identify its leader, and describe your involvement.</p>	

***Personal Statement***

In 100 words or less, describe why you feel that you are the most deserving candidate for this scholarship.

**References**

Please provide and the name, credentials and contact information for one person who can verify the information submitted in this application.

I attest that all of the information on this application is true.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Announcement of Winners**

Scholarship winners will be announced by June 30, 2017.

**Reminders**

- Applications are due **no later than 11:59 PM (Eastern Time) on May 30, 2017.**
- **Fax your application to Breastfeeding Outlook at 703-787-9895 or email to [scholarship@breastfeedingoutlook.com](mailto:scholarship@breastfeedingoutlook.com).**

If you have any questions, please contact us at [info@breastfeedingoutlook.com](mailto:info@breastfeedingoutlook.com)