



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

2019 Felix Biancuzzo Memorial Scholarship Application

"Education is cheaper than ignorance."

Felix Biancuzzo

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, 2019 and May 30, 2020 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) may be awarded.

Eligibility

1. Only **first-time** IBLCE exam candidates who are eligible to take the IBLCE exam between April 1, 2020 and October 30, 2020 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(s) 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, 2020.
3. Scholarship winners agree to provide a photo of themselves within 30 days of notice of the award and 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 31, 2019. Winner(s) will be notified by July 1, 2019.

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. Application may be typed or handwritten but must be easily legible and must be complete. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- 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.

**Comprehensive Lactation Course
2019 Felix Biancuzzo Memorial Scholarship Application**
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	<input type="checkbox"/> RN <input type="checkbox"/> RNC <input type="checkbox"/> LPN <input type="checkbox"/> LVN <input type="checkbox"/> RD <input type="checkbox"/> LD

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?	<input type="checkbox"/> April 2020 <input type="checkbox"/> October 2020
For the Pathway you are using, how many lactation-specific clinical hours do you need?	
Of the required clinical hours, how many have you completed?	
Of the required health sciences college courses, which have you completed? (If you are a licensed health care provider, your requirements are considered completed.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Licensed healthcare professional <input type="checkbox"/> Biology <input type="checkbox"/> Human Anatomy <input type="checkbox"/> Human Physiology <input type="checkbox"/> Infant & Child Growth & Dev <input type="checkbox"/> Intro to Clinical Research <input type="checkbox"/> Nutrition <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology or Counseling or Communication <input type="checkbox"/> Sociology or Cultural Sensitivity or Cultural Anthropology
Of the required health sciences continuing education courses, which have you completed? (If you are a licensed health care provider, your requirements are considered completed.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Basic Life Support <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Documentation <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Terminology <input type="checkbox"/> Occupational Safety & Security <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Ethics <input type="checkbox"/> Universal Safety Precautions & Infection Control

<p>IBCLC candidates are required to complete 90 hours of lactation specific education. How many hours have you already completed towards that requirement?</p>	
<p>How did you hear about this scholarship opportunity?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Breastfeeding Outlook website or emails</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> LEAARC Website</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Marie's Blog</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> LinkedIn</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Facebook</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A friend or coworker</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Internet search</p>

Self-Directed Learning

<p>Cite a research study you recently read. Your citation should include, in any order, the first author's last name, title of the study, name of the journal, and year of publication. <i>Example: Doe, J. (2017). Name of the study as it appears. Title of the Journal.</i></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>	

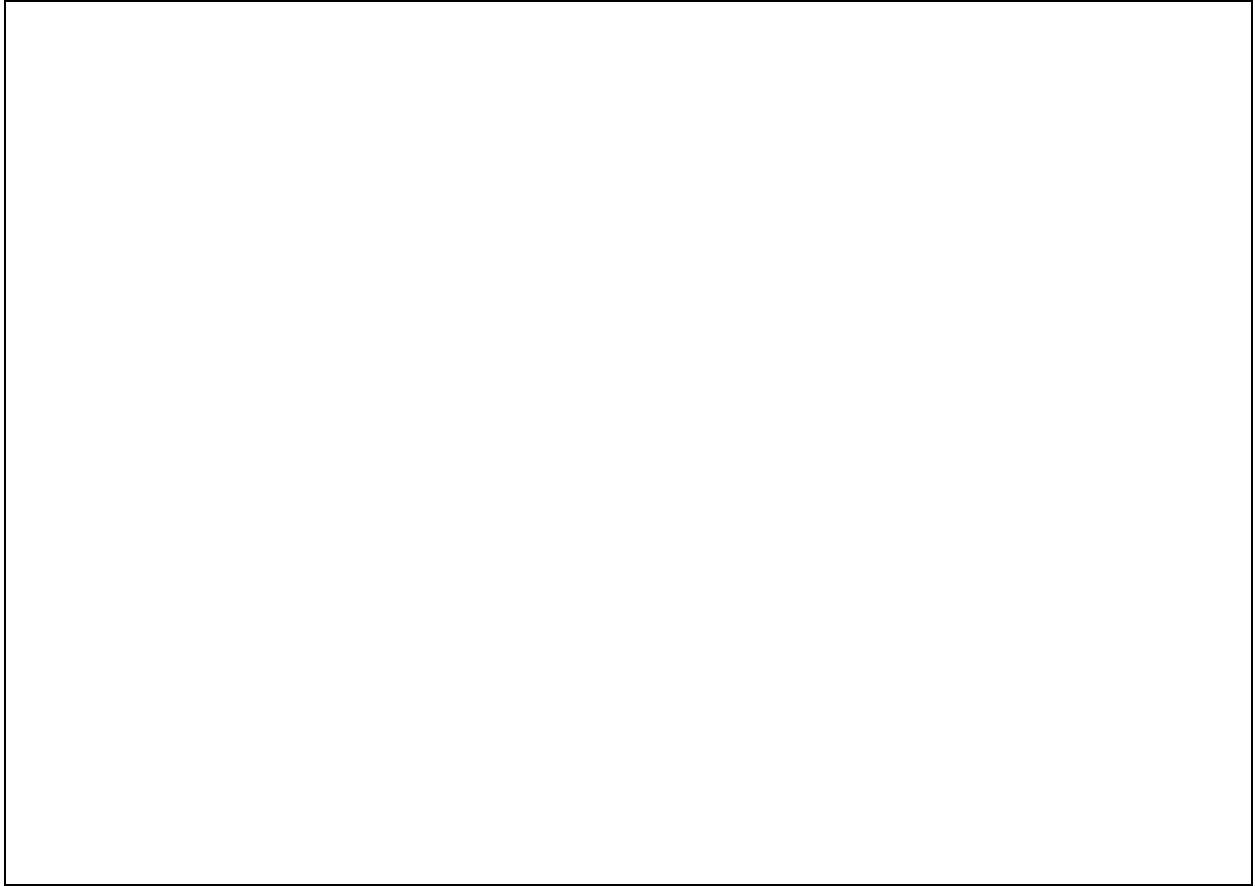
System-Level Involvement

<p>Please name the breastfeeding coalition whose meetings you attend, or that is in closest geographical proximity to you.</p> <p><i>Note:</i> 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 (<i>example:</i> 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.

Note: Describing how passionate you are about breastfeeding is unlikely to set you apart from all of the other applicants. Describe why are the most deserving of this scholarship.

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References

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

<p>Reference's Name:</p> <p>Reference's Credentials:</p> <p>Reference's Email:</p> <p>Reference's Phone:</p>
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I attest that all of the information on this application is true and that I agree to abide by the policies set forth in this document, should I be awarded a scholarship.

Signature of Applicant _____

Announcement of Winners

Scholarship winners will be announced by July 1, 2019.

Reminders

- Applications are due **no later than 11:59 PM (Eastern Time) on May 31, 2019.**
- **Fax your application to Breastfeeding Outlook at 703-787-9895 or email to scholarship@breastfeedingoutlook.com.**

If you have any questions, please contact us at info@breastfeedingoutlook.com.