

## Emerging Leaders in Lactation (ELL) Scholarship – FAQs

### Q: How is the ELL Scholarship different from the MILCC Scholarship?

The MILCC Scholarship provides IBCLC candidates who have fully met all requirements to sit the exam the opportunity for full or partial financial assistance with the IBLCE examination fee, and full or partial financial assistance for recertifying IBCLCs who have fully met all requirements to recertify.

The ELL Scholarship is very different: it provides the opportunity for full or partial financial assistance with the costs associated with *preparing* to meet the requirements to sit for the IBLCE exam. This could include **lactation and breastfeeding mentorship** and access to educational resources, including professional conference attendance, in addition to the cost of the IBLCE exam.

### Q: How do I know if I am eligible for the scholarship?

ELL Scholarship applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria, as determined by the MILCC Board:

- Have completed at least one of the [IBLCE exam eligibility requirements](#) (health science courses OR lactation education, OR practice hours) at the time of application;
- Have demonstrated leadership potential;
- Belong to a group historically underrepresented in the profession and its leadership; and
- May otherwise be unable to pursue the IBCLC credential.

### Q: How do I apply?

The ELL Scholarship is not currently accepting applicants. Please visit [milcc.org](http://milcc.org) for updates.

### Q: What does the application consist of?

The application includes two parts. In Part I, applicants are asked the following:

- Describe how you qualify for the ELL Scholarship.
- Describe the historically underrepresented group within the lactation and breastfeeding profession with which you identify.
- Describe why you have chosen to pursue a career in lactation and breastfeeding care.
- List the credentials you currently hold (e.g., R.N., R.D.), if any.
- Indicate which IBLCE exam eligibility requirement(s) you have completed at the time of your application.
- Describe your plan for completion of the remaining IBLCE exam eligibility requirements.
- Describe your financial need, and how this impacts your ability to attain certification.
- Describe how you will use the scholarship funds if awarded, and how your plan fits into the candidate eligibility requirements.
- Describe how you have demonstrated leadership in your country or region.

- Describe how you intend to provide leadership, professional education, and/or mentoring in your community or in the profession after you become certified.

In Part II, applicants are asked to submit two professional recommendations; at least one recommendation from a current IBCLC or other lactation professional is strongly preferred.

Should an applicant advance to the finalist stage, MILCC reserves the right to contact the applicant for a brief phone interview.

**Q: How much financial aid is available?**

Successful applicants are eligible to receive up to \$5,000 (USD) each in financial aid, as determined by the MILCC Board, for costs associated with IBCLC certification. The number of applicants supported each year depends on the funds available.