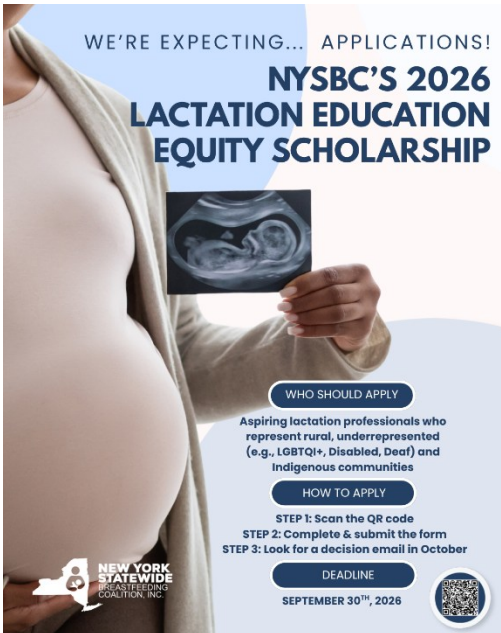




2026 Lactation Education Equity Scholarship Application Information



The New York Statewide Breastfeeding Coalition is pleased to be able to offer this scholarship opportunity to help increase the ranks of lactation support in rural, underrepresented (e.g. LGBTQI+, disabled, Deaf) and Indigenous communities within New York State. Candidates from marginalized communities are encouraged to apply. This scholarship will cover the cost of a 95 hour lactation education course (up to \$1000.00) that is designed to fulfill the prerequisite for sitting for the IBCLC exam. We hope to select two (2) candidates this year, and do plan on offering this again for 2027.

95-hour IBCLC courses provide the mandatory, comprehensive lactation-specific education required to sit for the International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners (IBLCE) exam, covering clinical skills, anatomy, and communication.

Key 95-hour IBCLC online training options include:

- [GOLD Lactation Academy](#)
- [Marie's Method](#)
- [LactaLearning](#)
- [Lactation University](#)
- [Evergreen Perinatal Education](#)
- [Lactation Education Resources](#)

Candidates applying for this scholarship will already have the prerequisite college science courses as required by IBCLE <https://ibclc-commission.org/step-1-prepare-for-ibclc-certification/health-sciences-education-2/>

What we will want to know: **(It is expected that responses will not be created by Artificial Intelligence).**

- Do you currently work or volunteer within a rural, underserved or Indigenous community in New York State?

- Why do you want to become a lactation professional and how will this scholarship help you achieve your goals? (200-300 words required)
- How do you currently serve or plan to serve underrepresented communities with the education you receive?
- Describe any barriers you have faced in pursuing lactation education and how you have worked to overcome them? (200-300 words)
- If awarded this scholarship, do you plan to pursue the IBCLC credential in the future?

Candidates' applications will be reviewed and scored and candidates will be notified of their status by October 30, 2026. Candidates selected will commit to completing and passing their online course within one (1) year of the time of enrollment, or will return the scholarship funds to NYSBC.

Are you ready to fill out the application? Here is the link:

[NYSBC 2026 Lactation Education Scholarship Application](#)

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