



Ohio Lactation Consultant Association

Mission Statement

To be the voice of Ohio lactation consultants in their efforts to transform society into a breastfeeding culture. To empower, support, and educate our membership enabling them to be articulate agents for change

Grant Application and Proposal

- Each year the Ohio Lactation Consultant Association awards grants to OLCA members for breastfeeding promotion.
- The amount of the grant depends upon the amount allotted for in the budget for that year. We will accept proposals for any amount up to \$1000 based on a **DETAILED** budget.
- Grant money is to be used for breastfeeding promotion adhering to the WHO Code (available at <http://www.ohio-olca.org>)
- Grant awards will be announced at the annual OLCA conference *Breastfest*
- Recipient agrees to submit quarterly Progress reports to the regional representative (see below). A final report must be sent to the representative within 90 days of program completion and an article about the project must be submitted for the newsletter. Failure to submit these reports will render applicant ineligible for future grants.
- The check must be cashed within 90 days of issue date and will be made out to an organization, agency, business/institution or their representative. Unused money will be returned to OLCA. Funds may only be used for the project stated on application. If the original project is not completed, unused funds must be returned to OLCA.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be members of OLCA at the time of the application (an OLCA membership application with payment included with the grant application is acceptable)
- Applicants must currently reside or work in Ohio.
- Priority will be given to new projects. In order to develop more projects in Ohio, OLCA discourages the use of grant funds for the same project for more than 2 years in a row. If the project is planned as an ongoing project, we encourage applicants to plan and develop other funding resources.
- Applicants may apply for both a grant and a scholarship, but may only be awarded one or the other each year.

Collection of applications:

- **No late entries will be considered.**
- **Incomplete applications will not be considered.**
- Receipt of application will be acknowledged with an email to applicant. Acknowledgement of receipt does not indicate application is complete. It is the applicant's responsibility to be sure application is complete.
- Keep a copy of each grant application for yourself.

Selection:

- The Grant Selection Committee will be comprised of 5 members selected by the Grant Committee Chair from the Executive board: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Past President or President Elect, the Regional Representatives or Committee Chairs.
 - The OLCA board makes a collective decision on each grant. All Board decisions are final.

- Review committee members who apply for a grant will recuse themselves from the committee.
- Grants will be divided among Ohio regions if possible.
- Recipients will receive an award letter at the annual conference
- Recipients will receive a copy of the progress report
- Recipients will receive a check at the annual conference
- A brief summary of the winners and their grant proposals may be read at the annual conference, printed in the newsletter, and/or posted on the OLCA website