

2021 International Summer Institute: Virtual Professional Seminar

July 26 - 30, 2021



The National Grief Center
for Children & Families

In partnership with the New York Life Foundation, Dougy Center: The National Grief Center for Children & Families is excited to announce our annual scholarship for the International Summer Institute Virtual Professional Seminar. Each year, we will award four applicants with a scholarship for free tuition. In addition to completing this application form, applicants will be required to submit supporting documentation, and an essay.



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International Summer Institute participants will join Dougy Center's knowledgeable staff for an opportunity to explore the fundamentals of grief education across the lifespan. While the majority of helping professionals do not have formal grief education, the 2021 Virtual Professional Seminar will provide the tools and information to become grief-informed. Learn with colleagues from around the United States and beyond who support, or plan to support, children and families who are grieving.

Learn how to:

1. Identify the core principles and tenets of grief-informed practice
2. Develop awareness of personal beliefs, biases, and attitudes about loss and grief
3. Broaden your knowledge base about loss, grief, and developmental considerations of people who are grieving across the lifespan
4. Support individuals who are grieving using grief-informed best practices and resources
5. Practice and incorporate grief-informed language in personal and professional settings
6. Recognize and address the needs of children, teens, young adults, and families who are grieving

Dates: July 26 - 30, 2021

Times each day:

10 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. PT
11 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. MT
Noon to 3:15 p.m. CT
1 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. ET

Tuition: \$899



International Summer Institute 2021 Scholarship Application

The 2021 Virtual Professional Seminar is an online training to increase professionals' knowledge, skills, and awareness of supporting children, teens, young adults, and parents/adult caregivers across the lifespan.

Eligibility:

Eligibility is limited to applicants who meet all of the following criteria*:

- Applicants who reside full-time in the United States
- Either: (i) Applicants who are currently employed by agencies who serve children and families who are grieving OR (ii) Applicants who are committed to serving children who are grieving
- Applicants who commit to completing a post-training feedback questionnaire during Fall 2021

The Application and Attachments:

Please provide detailed answers to the application questions and submit all required attachments. All information received from applicants will be maintained in confidence. Please complete pages 3-7. Submission instructions appear on the last page of this application packet.

Required materials for a complete application:

- A completed scholarship registration form (pages 3-7 of this packet)
- Two sealed and signed letters of recommendation (professional references only)
- An essay (not to exceed 3 pages, double-spaced). Please see page 6 for essay prompt.

Deadline:

The deadline for the scholarship is April 16, 2021. Late submissions will not be accepted.

**Agencies are eligible for a maximum of one staff scholarship per organization per year.*



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Please type your answers.

Last Name:

First Name:

Mailing Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Email:

Daytime Phone:

Date of Birth:

Preferred Pronoun(s):

Position Title:

Years of Work Experience:

Name of Employer:

Length of Employment:

Address:

Please check which of the following apply to you:

- I am currently employed by an agency who serves children and families who are grieving
- I am interested in working with children and families who are grieving
- Other:

- My program serves/will serve children and families who are grieving and living in urban areas
- My program serves/will serve children and families who are grieving and living in rural areas
- My program serves/will serve children and families who are grieving and living in urban and rural areas

- This is the first time our agency has sent a staff member to receive this training
- Our agency has previously sent a staff member to Summer Institute (this includes any time within the past 30 years)
- I am an individual who is not associated with an agency
- Other:



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Reference 1

Full Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

Email:

Relationship to Applicant:

Reference 2

Full Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

Email:

Relationship to Applicant:



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Please answer the following registration questions and enclose with your application

1. Please tell us why you are interested in attending this training.

2. Describe any prior training you have had related to grief.

3. Does your experience include the death of someone close? If so, who died and when did the death(s) occur? (If possible, List dates, relationship to the person/people who died, and cause(s) of death)

4. What do you hope to gain as a result of attending this training?

5. In what way do you hope to utilize what you learn?

6. Any other comments or information you believe would help us in planning for your participation?



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In partnership with the New York Life Foundation, Dougy Center: The National Grief Center for Children & Families is offering four scholarships for the International Summer Institute; two merit-based scholarships and two needs-based scholarships. Applicants may only apply for **one** of the two categories and should respond to the essay question for the selected category.

Scholarship Essay Question

I am applying for a: (check the appropriate category for which you are applying)

- Merit-based scholarship - answer question (a)
- Needs-based scholarship - answer question (b)

(a) Merit-based Essay Question: Describe your most meaningful achievements in the bereavement field and how they relate to your current and future goals.

(b) Needs-based Essay Question: Please explain why you believe you are a good candidate for a financial scholarship (i.e., explain the financial barriers you are experiencing to attend the Summer Institute), the difference this training will make in your life, and difference you believe this training will make in the lives of children and families who are grieving.

Essay Guidelines

Please note that essays should be typed using Times New Roman, 12 pt and should not exceed three pages, double-spaced.

Dougy Center: The National Grief Center for Children & Families commits to actively supporting diversity, equity, and inclusion in all facets of our organization, both internally and externally, through our outreach, services, policies, procedures, and organizational culture. We warmly invite all qualified individuals to apply for this scholarship.



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Statement Of Accuracy For Applicants

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that my failure to provide accurate information may be grounds for disqualification from the scholarship process.

I hereby understand a plagiarized or off-topic essay will be grounds for disqualification from the scholarship process.

I hereby understand decisions of the scholarship committee will be final.

I hereby understand I will not submit this application without all required attachments and supporting information. Incomplete applications or applications that do not meet eligibility criteria will not be considered for this scholarship.

Signature of scholarship applicant:

Date:

Please be sure your application is complete. A complete application consists of all of the following:

- A completed application form (pages 3-7 of this packet)
- Your merit-based or needs-based essay (not to exceed 3 pages)
- Two sealed and signed letters of reference; professional references only

Checklist

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Application | <input type="checkbox"/> Reference Letter 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Essay | <input type="checkbox"/> Reference Letter 2 |

Mail Complete Application Package to:

Dougy Center Summer Institute Scholarship Committee
c/o Dougy Center
P.O. Box 86852 Portland, OR 97286

Scholarship recipients will be notified on May 1, 2021.

If you have questions regarding this scholarship, please contact Monique Mitchell, Director of Training & Translational Research at: monique@dougy.org or 503-836-3645.



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About the New York Life Foundation

Inspired by New York Life's tradition of service and humanity, the New York Life Foundation has, since its founding in 1979, provided more than \$270 million in charitable contributions to national and local nonprofit organizations. The Foundation supports programs that benefit young people, particularly in the areas of educational enhancement and childhood bereavement. The Foundation also encourages and facilitates the community involvement of employees and agents of New York Life through its Volunteers for Good and Grief-Sensitive Schools programs. To learn more, visit newyorklifefoundation.org.

About Dougy Center

Dougy Center provides support in a safe place where children, teens, young adults and their families who are grieving can share their experiences before and after a death. Locally, Dougy Center serves more than 500 children and 350 adult family members each month with peer support groups in Portland, Hillsboro, and Canby. As the National Grief Center for Children and Families, Dougy Center also provides information and training locally, nationally, and internationally to individuals and organizations seeking to assist children in grief. Dougy Center does not charge for its support services, and relies solely on the generous donations of individuals, corporations and foundations. To learn more, visit dougy.org.