

2022 International Summer Institute

July 25 - July 29, 2022 | Portland, Oregon



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 held at Dougy Center in Portland, OR. Each year, we will

award four applicants with a scholarship for free tuition, a waiver of \$1,500. 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 discover the fundamentals of developing and operating peer support groups for children, teens, and families who are grieving. Learn with colleagues from around the United States and beyond who plan to start or who have already directly established programs for children and families who are grieving.

Learn how to:

1. Start a program like Dougy Center's, including an overview of philosophies, best practices, policies, procedures, and staffing
2. Identify the core principles and tenets of grief-informed practice
3. Develop awareness of personal beliefs, biases, and attitudes about loss and grief
4. Gain an understanding about the needs of children, teens, and families who are grieving
5. Develop skills in reflection, awareness, communication, and group facilitation
6. Learn how to effectively utilize volunteers to enhance your program
7. Discuss how to enroll families, place children in groups, and use resource and referral services
8. Design a program that fits the needs of your community

Dates: July 25 - 29, 2022

Times: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily

Tuition: Free with scholarship
(regularly \$1,500)*

*Continental breakfast, lunch, and snacks will be provided daily.



International Summer Institute 2022 Scholarship Application

The International Summer Institute is a program development and skills training for working with peer support groups for children and teens who are grieving. Because of the nature of the subject, it is recommended that if you have had a major, recent death or trauma (within the past year) that you delay your registration for this Institute.

Eligibility:

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

- Applicants who reside full-time in the United States
- Applicants who have not previously participated in Dougy Center's annual Summer Institute
- Either: (i) Applicants who are currently employed by agencies who serve children and families who are grieving OR (ii) Applicants who are committed to starting an agency/program to serve children who are grieving
- Applicants who will assume financial responsibility for lodging and transportation
- Applicants who will commit to completing a post-training feedback questionnaire during Fall 2022

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 1, 2022. 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: _____ 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 starting an agency/program to serve children 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 rural and urban 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 anytime 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: _____



1. 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, when did the death(s) occur? (List dates, relationship to the person/people who died, and causes of death)

4. What do you hope to gain from attending this training?

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

6. Any other comments or information that 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:** 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 the 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 2, 2022. Information on lodging facilities, transportation, and “things to do” in Portland will be mailed to scholarship recipients.

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 www.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.