



The 40&8 - GEORGE B. BOLAND NURSES TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ's)

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The George B. Boland Nurses Scholarship program continues to be one of the most popular and active programs of La Societe. As such, Voiture Nationale, on behalf of the National George B. Boland Nurses Training Scholarship Committee (hereafter referred to as the Committee), receives numerous inquiries and questions relating to the program in general, its associated rules, procedures and administration. The answers to many of the questions relating to the Boland program can be found in one or both of the following listed documents.

- A. "RULES OF THE NATIONAL 40&8 – GEORGE B. BOLAND NURSES SCHLORSHIP COMMITTEE FOR THE NURSES TRAINING TRUST FUND". This booklet is available from Voiture Nationale.
- B. "THE 40&8 GEORGE B. BOLAND NURSES TRAINING TRUST FUND SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES FOR VOITURE LOCALE". This document is available from Voiture Nationale, or on the 40&8 website at www.Fortyandeight.org.

As is usually the case with such a dynamic program however, circumstances will arise that seem to avoid the established rules, or are simply not covered by such. If your Voiture Locale participates in the Nurses Training Program, then you may have already had such experiences. If your Voiture Locale is just becoming involved in the Nurses Training Program, then you may experience such in the future.

The Committee is very sensitive to these instances, and realizes that in order to maintain the reputation and integrity of the program, and the organization of La Societe Des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux (hereafter referred to as 40&8) as a whole; such situations must be addressed in a uniform manner across the organization. To that end, the following FAQ's are provided for your information.

Question #1: What is the Program Year (PY) for the George B. Boland Nurses Training Program?

Answer #1: The PY for the George B. Boland Nurses Training Program begins on July 1st of the calendar year, and ends on June 30th of the immediate following calendar year.

Question #2: Can ANY Voiture Locale submit an application to the Committee, on behalf of a qualified nursing student?

Answer #2: NO! Per the program rules, in order for a Locale to submit an application to the Boland Scholarship Committee, it **MUST** meet **ALL** of the following criteria.

- a. The Locale **MUST** currently participate in the 40&8 Regular Nurses Training program.
- b. The Locale **MUST** have expended its budgeted financial resources, assisting at least one other scholarship applicant.
- c. With in the current PY, the Locale has **NOT** had a previously submitted application, approved by the Scholarship Committee.

Question #3: According to “THE 40&8 GEORGE B. BOLAND NURSES TRAINING TRUST FUND SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES FOR VOITURE LOCALE”,

“A Voiture Locale **MUST** exhaust its’ available Nurses Training Funds helping at least one other applicant, **BEFORE** submitting an application the George B. Boland Nurses Training Trust Fund Scholarship Committee for consideration.

What exactly does that mean?

Answer #3: Let me begin by telling you what it does **NOT** mean. It doesn’t mean that a Voiture Locale needs to be broke before it can submit an application to the Committee. It does mean however, that following good business practices, each Locale that conducts a Nurses Training Program, should earmark (budget) a certain amount of their available resources (money), to support that specific program effort. The amount budgeted by a participating Locale is totally at their discretion (choice), and need **NOT** equal the total worth of the Locale. The amount budged should be that portion of their available resources that the Locale feels it can reasonably be expected to spend during the PY, in support of the Nurses Training program effort.

Per the program rules, once a Locale has expended (spent) the entire amount which it had earmarked (budgeted) for its Nurses Training program effort, assisting at least one nursing student, it is then eligible to submit, and have approved, an application to the Committee for consideration.

Question #4: According to the George B. Boland program rules, each qualifying Locale may submit, and have approved, no more than one (1) nurses training scholarship application, each PY. However, I've also heard that each Grande can submit up to five (5) "At-Large" nurses training scholarship applications each PY. Is this true? And if so, how do I submit an "At-Large" application to my Grande?

Answer #4: The "At-Large" rumor got started some time ago, and is **NOT** true! The current George B. Boland Nurses Training Scholarship program rules do **NOT** provide for the submission of "At-Large" applications of any kind, or from any element of the Nationale 40&8 organization.

Question #5: I understand the maximum single scholarship grant amount available through the Boland program is \$1,000. If my Voiture Locale gives a student a \$500 scholarship, can the student also apply for a \$500 grant through the Boland program?

Answer #5: No! The George B. Boland Nurses Training Scholarship program is NOT a "matching funds" program. Rule #2, Paragraph (e) of the National 40& 8 – George B. Boland Nurses Scholarship program rules specifically states the following.

"Applications for scholarships or fellowships cannot be considered if the applicant is or will be receiving funds from the 40&8 Regular Nurses Training program (conducted by a Voiture Locale), during the period of time which would be covered by the grant from the National 40&8 George B. Boland Trust Fund."

Question #6: If a student had received a scholarship grant through the Boland program for the past PY, can the student reapply for another scholarship grant through the Boland program, for the current PY? If so, how does one make such reapplication?

Answer #6: Yes! The Boland program rules limit each qualified applicant to one (1) scholarship grant per PY. However, there is NO limit on the number of scholarship grants a qualified applicant can receive during their total educational period. As long as a student qualifies for the program, and their Locale of jurisdiction continues to qualify for the Boland program, the student may make reapplication to the Boland program each applicable PY.

The reapplication process is abbreviated and does not require the applicant to submit an actual application form to the Committee. Instead, the applicant would send a letter, with a copy of their latest grade transcripts, to their applicable sponsoring Locale of jurisdiction, indicating their desire to reapply for another scholarship grant. If the Locale qualifies for the Boland program (see Answer #1), it would submit the student's letter and grade transcripts to the Committee, with a letter of recommendation covering the

reapplication request. If the applicable Locale does not qualify for the Boland program, then the reapplication will NOT be considered by the Committee.

Question #7: My Voiture Locale has a qualified student that wishes to apply for a scholarship grant through the George B. Boland program. How does the qualifying student get the necessary application forms?

Answer #7: The George B. Boland Nurses Training Program offers two types of scholarship grants. The first type is for those pursuing an Associate or Bachelor Degree (WHITE application form). The principal administrating element for this type of scholarship grant is each individual participating Voiture Locale. Application forms for this type of scholarship are available to interested applicants, ONLY through a participating Locale. Blank WHITE application forms are available upon request, from Voiture Nationale.

The second type of scholarship grant is for those pursuing an Advanced Degree above the Bachelor Degree level (BLUE application form). Advanced Degree program applicants MUST currently hold a Bachelor of Science (BS), or above, Degree. The principal administrating office for this type of scholarship grant is Voiture Nationale. Grant applications for this type of grant are NOT to be submitted or processed through a Voiture Locale, but rather should be submitted directly to the Voiture Nationale. Upon request, BLUE application forms, materials, information or general assistance, will be provided directly to the student. Such Advanced Degree application requests should be mailed to the following address.

Voiture Nationale
Attn: Boland Trust Fund
777 North Meridian Street, Suite #300
Indianapolis, IN 46204-1420

Advanced Degree application requests may also be submitted by Fax to (317) 632-9365, or by e-mail to bmiller@fortyandeight.org

Question #8: I've been told that the Boland Nurses Training Program rules were recently changed. As a result of the change, those Voiture Locales with limited financial resources now have an opportunity for limited participation in the Boland Nurses Training Program. How does a Locale qualify to participate in the Boland Nurses Training Scholarship Program under the new limited participation rules?

Answer #8: I see that good news travels fast! During the 91st Promenade Nationale (2010), in Springfield, IL, rule changes were adopted by the George B. Boland Nurses Training Scholarship Committee. Under the new rules, those Voiture Locales wishing to participate in the Boland Nurses Training Scholarship program, but lacking the financial

resources (money) to do so, may now enjoy limited participation in the program, providing they meet ALL the following minimum qualification criteria.

- a. Within the **CURRENT** PY (July 1st of any particular calendar year to June 30th of the immediate following calendar year), the Locale **MUST NOT** have submitted a Boland application to the Committee.
- b. During the **PREVIOUS** PY, the Locale **MUST** have participated in the Nurses Training program, but due to limited available financial resources (money), had **NOT** been able to award a nurses training scholarship.
- c. At the end of the **PREVIOUS** PY, the Locale had submitted a “NATIONAL NURSES TRAINING Report for Voiture Locale” form (as provided in the PETITE COMMUNIQUE), to their applicable Grande Nurses Training Directeur, indicating the following.
 - i. The “Total Dollars Donated to George B. Boland Trust Fund” was NO LESS THAN \$300.
 - ii. The “Total Dollars Expended in Nurses Training this Year” was EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT SHOWN AS “Total Dollars Donated to George B. Boland Trust Fund”.

Question #9: Under the new limited participation rules addressed in **Question #8**, how does a Locale submit an application to the Scholarship Committee?

Answer #9: It’s easy, just do the following!

- a. Identify an interested and qualified nursing student. PLEASE NOTE: Under the provisions of the limited program rules, the MAXIMUM available scholarship is \$500.
- b. Provide the student a Boland Scholarship Application form. Have the student complete the application form and return it to you.
- c. Attached a copy of the Locale’s National Nurses Training report from the **PREVIOUS** program year.
- d. Then mail the entire scholarship application packet to:

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PLEASE NOTE: Each participating Locale is limited to one (1) approved Boland scholarship submission each program year.

Should you have any program related comments, questions or concerns, or if circumstances arise that are not addressed in the rules, guideline documents or this FAQ's document, you are encouraged to contact this office by phone at (317) 634-1804, or by e-mail to bmiller@fortyandeight.org.