



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 too 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: Since there are now four (4) scholarship options under which a qualified nursing student's application can be submitted to the Committee, the answer to this question is dependent upon which scholarship option is to be used.

1. TRADITIONAL Scholarship Option: This is the most popular scholarship option, and has been conducted by the 40&8 since the George B. Boland Nurses Training program was created in 1976. The rules governing the TRADITIONAL Scholarship Option allow for the awarding of individual scholarship grants of up to \$1,000.00 per academic year. As a minimum, a Voiture Locale **MUST** satisfy the following eligibility criteria to qualify for the TRADITIONAL Scholarship Option.
 - a. The applicant student **MUST** be a U.S. Citizen.
 - b. The applicant student **MUST** be enrolled in an educational institution above the high school level.
 - c. The applicant student **MUST** be certified as a full-time student by the applicable educational institution.
 - d. The applicant student **MUST** be pursuing an education in the field of nursing, leading to either a Registered Nurse (RN) or Nurse Practitioner (NP) certification or license, as applicable.
 - e. The sponsoring Voiture Locale **MUST** have exhausted its budgeted Nurses Training financial resources, helping at least one other qualifying applicant student. **NOTE:** The Boland Scholarship Committee will **NOT EXCEED** the grant amount normally given by the Voiture Locale. Maximum grant allowance is \$1,000.00.
 - f. A Voiture Locale may submit as many qualified applications as it wishes under the TRADITIONAL Scholarship Option. However, a Voiture Locale is only allowed to have **ONE (1)** application, regardless of amount, approved by the Boland Scholarship Committee each program year (July 1 thru June 30). Once a Voiture Locale submits an application that is accepted and approved by the Boland Scholarship Committee, that particular Voiture Locale is **PROHIBITED** from submitting any additional applications to the Committee, for the remainder of the current program year.

- g. Within any single program year, should a Voiture Locale submit an application under the TRADITIONAL Scholarship Option, which is accepted and approved by the Boland Scholarship Committee, the Voiture Locale is then PROHIBITED from submitting an application under the LIMITED Scholarship Option within the same current program year.
2. LIMITED Scholarship Option: The rules governing the LIMITED Scholarship Option allow for the awarding of individual scholarship grants of not more than \$500.00 per academic year. The LIMITED Scholarship Option is intended to assist those Voiture Locale's who wish to participate in the Nurses Training Scholarship program, but due to limited financial resources, fail to qualify for the Boland Scholarship program under the TRADITIONAL Scholarship Option rules. As a minimum, a Voiture Locale MUST satisfy the following eligibility criteria to qualify for the LIMITED Scholarship Option.
- a. The applicant student MUST be a U.S. Citizen.
 - b. The applicant student MUST be enrolled in an educational institution above the high school level.
 - c. The applicant student MUST be certified as a full-time student by the applicable educational institution.
 - d. The applicant student MUST be pursuing an education in the field of nursing, leading to either a Registered Nurse (RN) or Nurse Practitioner (NP) certification or license, as applicable.
 - e. During the IMMEDIATE PRIOR Nurses Training Program Year, the submitting Voiture Locale MUST have participated in the Nurses Training program, but due to limited available financial resources, DID NOT award a single nurses training scholarship.
 - f. At the end of the IMMEDIATE PRIOR Nurses Training Program Year, the submitting Voiture 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. The report MUST have indicated 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".

- g. A Voiture Locale may submit as many qualified applications as it wishes under the LIMITED Scholarship Option. However, a Voiture Locale will be LIMITED to having ONLY ONE (1) application, regardless of amount, approved by the Scholarship Committee each particular program year (July 1 thru June 30). NOTE: Under the Limited Scholarship Option, the maximum grant allowance is \$500.00.
 - h. Should a Voiture Locale submit an application under the LIMITED Scholarship Option that is accepted and approved by the Boland Scholarship Committee, that Voiture Locale is PROHIBITED from submitting any further applications, under either the TRADITIONAL or LIMITED options, for the remainder of the current program year.
3. ADVANCED DEGREE Scholarship Option: The ADVANCED DEGREE Program Scholarship Option, like the TRADITIONAL Scholarship Option, has been conducted by the 40&8 since the Boland Nurses Training program was created in 1976. Under the ADVANCED Scholarship Option, there are NO eligibility criteria for a Voiture Locale, since this option is administered entirely by Voiture Nationale. Scholarship applications for this type of grant are NOT submitted to, or processed through, a Voiture Locale. ADVANCED Scholarship applications are to be submitted directly to Voiture Nationale. The applicant eligibility criteria for the ADVANCED DEGREE program are the same as those for the TRADITIONAL program.

Upon request, ADVANCED DEGREE (blue) application forms, materials, information or general assistance, will be provided directly to the applicant student. ADVANCED DEGREE program application forms can be obtained by mailing a request for such to the following address;

Voiture Nationale
Attn: Boland Trust Fund
250 East 38th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46205

Faxing a request to (317) 632-9365, or by e-mail request sent to hweinbrecht@fortyandeight.org.

4. AT-LARGE Scholarship Option: During the 92nd Promenade Nationale, a change was made to the George B. Boland Nursing Training Scholarship Program. The change established and defined an “At-Large” application submission category. The provisions of the change established that each recognized Grande Voiture would be allowed to submit no more than one (1) “At-Large” application to the Boland Committee, during each particular program year.

An “At-Large” application was defined as one which MUST have been originated by a Voiture Locale, regardless of whether or not the Locale qualifies for the Boland program under either the “Traditional” or “Limited” application options of the program. That is to say, the Locale may NOT have a regular nurses training program; it may NOT have sponsored any other student applicant; and it may NOT have expended any budgeted financial resources helping at least one other applicant student.

Under the new change, each Grande Voiture has been made responsible for determining the timing and process by which it will identify and select its one (1) authorized application submission per program year. The Grande Voiture will then collect “At-Large” Boland applications from its associated Voiture Locals, and exercise the necessary decision process, before submitting its selected “At-Large” application to the Committee for consideration.

A Grande Voiture may NOT subject a Locale wishing to submit an “At-Large” Boland application, to qualifying criteria that are in conflict with that already established for the Boland Nurses Training Scholarship program.

A Grande Voiture wishing to submit an “At-Large” Boland application MUST, as a minimum, meet the following qualifying criteria.

- a. The application being submitted MUST have originated from a Voiture Locale within the geographic limits of the submitting Grande Voiture.
- b. The originating Locale need NOT have a regular Nurses Training Program.
- c. The originating Locale need NOT have sponsored any other student applicant(s) during the current program year.
- d. The originating Locale need NOT have expended any budgeted financial resources helping at least one other applicant student(s) during the current program year.
- e. The applicant student MUST be a U.S. Citizen.
- f. The applicant student MUST be enrolled in an educational institution above the high school level.
- g. The applicant student MUST be certified as a full-time student by the applicable educational institution.

- h. The applicant student **MUST** be pursuing an education in the field of nursing, leading to either a Registered Nurse (RN) or Nurse Practitioner (NP) certification or license, as applicable.

A Voiture Locale wishing to submit a Nurses Training scholarship application from an interested and qualified student should contact their applicable Grande organization for details.

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: First of all, you should recognize that this provision of the program rules **ONLY** applies under the TRADITIONAL Scholarship Option. Now let me continue by telling you what this provision of the rules 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 for the TRADITIONAL Scholarship Option, once a Locale has expended (spent) the entire amount which it had earmarked (budgeted) for its Nurses Training program efforts assisting at least one nursing student, it is then eligible to submit, and have approved, an application to the Committee for consideration.

Question #4: What are the MAXIMUM scholarship grant amounts available through the George B. Boland Nurses Training Scholarship Program Options?

Answer #4: The established Scholarship Option maximum grant amounts are as follows.

1. TRADITIONAL - \$1,000.00. This amount was established during by the 94th Promenade Nationale.
2. LIMITED - \$500.00. This amount was established by the 91st Promenade Nationale.

3. ADVANCED DEGREE - \$1,000.00. This amount was established by the 94th Promenade Nationale.

4. AT-LARGE - \$1,000.00. This was established by the 92nd Promenade Nationale. The amount was established by the 94th Promenade Nationale.

Question #5: I understand the maximum single scholarship grant amount available through the Boland program is \$1,000.00. If my Voiture Locale gives a student a \$500 scholarship, can the student also apply for a \$500.00 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 during a past PY, can the student reapply for another scholarship grant through the Boland program, during this or a future 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 the same as before. NOTE: A reapplication request **will count** against the Locale’s authorized program submission allowance of one (1) application per PY.

Question #7: My Voiture Locale has a qualified student who 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 four (4) scholarship grant options (“Tradition”, “At-Large”, “Limited” and “Advanced”. See question #2 for details relating to each option. The principal administrating element for the “Tradition”,

“At-Large” and “Limited” options is each individual participating Voiture Locale. Application forms for these scholarship options are available to interested applicants, ONLY through a participating Locale. Blank WHITE application forms are available from Voiture Nationale, to any interested Voiture Locale requesting such.

The principal administrating office for the “Advanced Degree” scholarship option is Voiture Nationale. Scholarship 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, the applicable BLUE application forms, materials, information and 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
250 East 38th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46205

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

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 hweinbrecht@fortyandeight.org.

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