



History

Nurses are often an important part of our life from a time before our birth to the time of life's end. They often support and comfort families for a time beyond that. In 1941 La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux (The Society of Forty Men and Eight Horses) began issuing Nurse Training Scholarships to those individuals who demonstrated their willingness to undergo formal training and seek a career in Nursing. In 1946 our country was experiencing an acute shortage of nurses that had an adverse effect on the care of our veterans and community. Our National committee proposed and initiated a new organizational pillar which instilled an action plan at the Voyageurs locale level. In 1955 Voiture Nationale formally established out current Nurses Training Program and challenged each locale to develop and mobilized a program.

Administration

Each Locale will draft and administer a program to meet their community needs. There are no guidelines for either the number of scholarships or the dollar value of scholarship awarded. In many cases our scholarship programs are the critical difference that allows recipients to pursue their studies and go on to receive a nursing degree. Many of our Locale programs remain stable from year to year and for others the program varies with the success of fund raising efforts. Every Voyageur is expected to support the Nurses Training program through contribution of time, talent, treasure, and/or prayers. Our lives depend on it!

Our program is administrated by a National Committee that is chaired with a National Director assisted by a Treasurer and four Sous Directeurs. They function each year with two major objectives in mind:

1. Fund Raising through soliciting and receiving donations for our Nursing Training Pins.
2. Collect consolidation report data from all of our Grande Voitures. In turn, each Grande has a Directeur of Nurses Training that coordinates with each Voiture Locale within that Grande to promote pin distribution and donations, awarding of Scholarships, and to encourage every Locale to report the details of accomplishments of their program.

La Societe Successes

We have the satisfaction of knowing that La Societe has done a great deal to curb the shortage of nurses in this country. Since our National program inception in 1955 La Societe as of September 2013, has expended over \$ 31,290,000 and assisted 51,900 nurses in obtaining their nursing degrees. In 2013, \$427,304 was donated with 745 nurses in training and 303 nurses graduating. Any nursing students interested in our help should contact a 40 & 8 Voiture Locale in the area.

(<http://www.fortyandeight.org/contact-us/>).



The scholarship not only represent monetary support but also our emotional support and best wishes for success in their noble endeavor to serve us. Knowledge of that support helps sustain students during difficult periods in their studies and training.

What Can You Do

You should begin think about an area where you may like to participate. At your first Promenade you may be requested to or you may volunteer to take on an area of responsibility within your Locale/Grande.

Nurse Training Program	VAVS
Americanism	Ritual
POW/MIA	Voiture Activities
Carville Star	Youth Sport
Child Welfare	Other Charitable endeavors

Voyagers and their Locales have made Nursing Training and other programs a rousing success by developing fund raisers by promoting dinners, bingo, dances, baked good sales, auctions, merchandise sales, raffles, and casino and sport extravaganza events. Those are some examples of fund-raising efforts in the past that allow our Voitures to help students earn their nursing degrees. We want to continue developing a stronger relationship with our community and attend community events in uniform and encourage business & individual sponsors. Our goal is to make the La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux a household brand name in our community and associate our insignia with the paramount veteran service organization promoting nursing scholarships.

Boland Nurses Training Trust Fund

This trust was founded to provide additional scholarship support to those Voiture Locales that have exhausted their scholarship funds but still have qualified individuals applying for scholarships. The trust is administered by Voiture Nationale and all determinations regarding the awarding of scholarships grants are made by the Boland Trust Committee. There are now FOUR (4) options by which a Voiture Locale may participate in the George B. Boland Nurses Training Scholarship program:

1. TRADITIONAL Scholarship Option,
2. LIMITED Scholarship Option:
3. ADVANCED DEGREE Program
4. "AT-LARGE" Option

The above options are fully described with program guidelines and can be found on National website (www.fortyandeight.org) under Program.



If you have questions in the area of Nurse Training please contact your Locale or Grande Directeur, Nationale Nurses Training Directeur Angie Anderson or myself.

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