

Chapter N 7

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

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History: Chapter N 7 as it existed on August 31, 1970 was repealed and a new chapter N 7 was created, Register, August, 1970, No. 176, effective September 1, 1970.

N 7.01 Funds. (1) **BOARD OF NURSING.** This scholarship fund was created by the 1945 legislature. When the unencumbered funds of the division of nurses exceeds \$15,000 on June 30 the additional monies are transferred to the scholarship fund and is to be used to promote the professional education of Wisconsin registered nurses. It also may be used for the training of licensed practical nurses through support of workshops, institutes, lectures or demonstrations. (See s. 441.01 (5), Stats.

(2) **LEGISLATIVE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR NURSING EDUCATORS.** The 1965 legislature established this fund to assist in alleviating the critical shortage of qualified instructional and administrative personnel for nursing schools, to strengthen and increase existing school facilities and permit the establishment of new nursing schools. The 1971 legislature deleted these scholarships. All recipients of these awards shall continue to fulfill the obligation as agreed upon when funds were awarded.

History: Cr. Register, August, 1970, No. 176, eff. 9-1-70; r. and recr. Register, December, 1974, No. 228, eff. 1-1-75.

N 7.02 Interpretation. As used in former s. 441.06, Stats., and throughout ch. N 7:

(1) Course of study means the planned program for which funds are allocated in the fiscal year (12 months);

(2) Agency participating in an educational program refers to associate unit as identified in s. N 1.01 (6) and to colleges and universities which are offering undergraduate or graduate courses (credit or non-credit) in nursing education to registered nurses.

History: Cr. Register, August, 1970, No. 176, eff. 9-1-70; r. and recr. Register, December, 1974, No. 228, eff. 1-1-75.

N 7.03 Board of nursing. (1) **ELIGIBILITY.** (a) *Individual.* A nurse who holds a Wisconsin certificate of registration may be considered eligible for a scholarship as provided in s. 441.01 (5), Stats., if the person:

1. Has had a minimum of 6 months successful nursing experience in Wisconsin since receipt of a Wisconsin certificate of registration;

2. Is eligible for unconditional admission to an accredited college or university at the time of filing application;

3. Has demonstrated ability to carry the course of study successfully; has shown ability in the field of nursing in which preparation is desired; is holding a position for which not fully qualified.

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(b) *Organization.* An educational group or a college or university may request financial assistance in conducting workshops, institutes, seminars and lectures if it is demonstrated there is a need.

(2) *Institutions acceptable.* The monies shall be used in institutions of higher learning acceptable to the board. In making its determination, the board will give highest priority to schools/programs which are accredited by appropriate voluntary agencies.

(3) *LENGTH OF COURSE OF STUDY.* The program shall be a full-time program covering a period of not less than one academic year in a college or university. Exceptions may be made in individual cases for programs of one semester or summer session and workshops or institutes.

(4) *AMOUNT.* The board shall determine the monies to be awarded to an individual. The maximum which may be awarded for the fiscal year (12 month period) is \$3,000. The board will be guided by the following in making awards:

(a) Academic year—\$2,500.

(b) Semester—\$1,250.

(c) Quarter—\$825.

(d) Summer session—\$350 to \$500. The amount will be determined by the length of course of study, its location and the credit hours to be earned.

(e) Workshops, institutes, seminars—will be determined after review of the proposal, its length, the content, faculty, budget and the persons to be served.

(5) *OBLIGATION TO RECIPIENT.* (a) A recipient shall be expected to seek and accept employment in Wisconsin in the type of position identified on the application and the course of study for which the scholarship was awarded. Exceptions may be made by the board if the recipient is continuing in school.

1. Academic year or academic year and summer session—24 months of employment.

2. Semester, quarter or summer session—12 months of employment.

(b) A recipient shall not be employed while attending school unless prior permission of the board has been received. This does not include vacation periods. Exceptions will be made on an individual basis. If part time employment is deemed necessary, the request for it should accompany the application for scholarship. The hours of employment may not exceed 16 hours per week and then only if not in conflict with the college or university policy.

(c) The recipient shall sign a promissory note before any monies are released.

(6) *REFUND.* (a) Awards are to be totally repaid within a 3 year period if the recipient does not fulfill the agreement. Repayment shall start within 3 months after withdrawal from the school, or resignation from the position by which the obligation was being fulfilled. The board may

extend the period before the first repayment is due if the circumstances justify such action.

(b) In determining the monies to be refunded, time credit by months shall be recognized for acceptable service after completion of the education for which award was granted.

(c) A recipient who has failed to meet the obligation through service or a refund shall not be certified to other jurisdictions unless an acceptable plan for repayment has been received. The recipient shall be notified that failure to cooperate with the board could result in a hearing for revocation or suspension of the certificate of registration held on a charge of unprofessional conduct.

(7) APPLICATION DEADLINE. (a) Application and all credentials shall be filed no later than April 30 and October 30. Applications filed by April 30 are for programs starting the first and second quarter/semester of the academic year and thereafter. Applications completed by October 30 are to be used for the second semester or third and fourth quarter of the academic year and thereafter. Exceptions may be made where circumstances are unusual.

(b) Credentials. The credentials which are to be filed by the deadline include the application, a statement indicating unqualified acceptance from the college/university in which the course of study is offered; the courses to be completed during the period for which enrolled and the amount of credit to be awarded for prior preparation.

(c) *Workshop and educational activities.* Request for monies to conduct workshops, institutes, seminars and projects shall be filed in writing at least 3 months prior to the first day of meeting and shall be accompanied by the complete plan for the program. This plan should include the objectives, topics for discussion, names of leaders, place of meeting and approximate cost.

(8) RELEASE OF FUNDS. (a) Monies shall be released to an individual only after the following have been filed with the division of nurses:

1. A signed agreement.
2. A signed promissory note.
3. A receipt from the school's bursar which indicates fees have been paid.

(b) Monies shall be released on a term or semester basis unless otherwise deemed advisable by the board.

(9) RESTRICTION. The recipient of a board of nursing scholarship shall not accept any other scholarship monies covering the same period of time. Under unusual circumstances the board may permit the acceptance and use of monies from several sources provided it has given prior approval. A recipient who violates this provision shall be expected to refund all board scholarship funds, previously received, within 90 days of the demand notice from the secretary.

History: Cr. Register, August, 1970, No. 176, eff. 9-1-70; cr. (9), Register, July, 1972, No. 199, eff. 8-1-72; am. (1), (2), (4), (5) (a) (b), (6), (7) (a) (b) and (8), Register, December, 1974, No. 228, eff. 1-1-75.