

## Bureau of Professional Licensing Michigan Board of Nursing Nurse Scholarship Program FAQ

### 1. What is the Nurse Scholarship Program?

P.A. 368 of 1978, Sec. 333.16315 established a Nurse Professional Fund Scholarship Program supported by nursing license fees. One of the uses of the fund is to operate a Nurse Scholarship Program. The goal of the Nurse Scholarship Program is to promote nursing pre-licensure LPN, ADN, traditional BSN, RN to BSN completion, and graduate MSN education programs in Michigan among individuals who plan to practice in an underserved area, with an underserved population, or in a health professional shortage area (all of Michigan qualifies). Scholarship funding will be disbursed to eligible schools on an annual basis offering nursing programs. The schools will then award the scholarships to eligible students.

### 2. What makes a school eligible?

An **eligible school** is one that:

- Is fully approved by the Michigan Board of Nursing.
- Has a primary campus located within the state of Michigan.
- Offers a program of nursing that meets the predetermined category and area of need as established by the Michigan Board of Nursing.

If a school is deemed ineligible, the notification of ineligibility shall be provided in writing. Upon receipt of notification of ineligibility, a school may request a hearing.

### 3. What is the amount of the scholarship?

The Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs shall annually disburse allotted funds to eligible schools that apply for the scholarship. The funds will be divided equally among the number of eligible programs that submitted an application to participate in the scholarship by March 1. The scholarship can be given to students participating in LPN, ADN and BSN pre-licensure programs; RN to BSN completion; and MSN nursing education programs. The director of nursing for each program decides how to distribute the scholarship funds to its student applicants.

#### 4. What are the rules for receipt of the scholarship?

The scholarship awards are to be applied first to the cost of tuition, books and fees associated with the program. Any money remaining from the award can be provided to the student in the form of a stipend.

The school shall submit to the Department, the Notification of Intent to Award a Scholarship and the Student Application for each student by the deadline.

If the recipient withdraws from the program, the school shall notify the Department of its intent to award the remaining monies to a new recipient. The information listed above shall be provided for the new recipient.

#### 5. How do students become eligible for the scholarship?

An eligible school shall award a scholarship to a student who:

- Is a permanent resident of the state of Michigan.
- If licensed as a nurse, holds an unencumbered Michigan license to practice nursing.
- Intends to practice within the state of Michigan in an underserved area, with an underserved population, or in a health professional shortage area as identified by the Board. Currently all of Michigan qualifies as underserved.
- The student cannot be in receipt of a full scholarship from another source.
- The scholarship is awarded to each student on a one-time basis only.

#### 6. How do schools apply for the scholarship?

The eligible school should complete the attached application form and submit it by email to [bpl-nursecert@michigan.gov](mailto:bpl-nursecert@michigan.gov).

The school application must be submitted by March 1<sup>st</sup>. The due date for Notice of Intent to Award and Student Application(s) is June 30<sup>th</sup>. The paperwork will be sent as email attachments and may be returned electronically to the email identified above.

Questions may be directed to the above email address.