

Lung and Respiratory Disease

Nursing Scholarship

**Scholarships will be awarded
in the amount of \$3,000 each
for the academic year.**

Application procedure

Registered nurses may obtain an application packet from the Eight and Forty through:

The American Legion

Americanism Division
Attn: Eight & Forty Nursing Scholarship
P.O. Box 1055
Indianapolis, IN 46206
317-630-1212

Timeline

Applications may be requested any time but are mailed out every **February**.

All applications and required documentation must be postmarked no later than **May 15**.

Scholarship recipients are announced on or before **July 1**.

La Boutique des Huit Chapeaux et Quarante Femmes (Eight and Forty)

The Eight and Forty was organized in June 1922. The organization held its first Marche Nationale that same year in New Orleans.

Although the organization was originally founded to provide its members with fun and fellowship, it was soon discovered it could be of service. The following objective was added to its organizational plan in 1924 — “such service to be particularly concerned with child welfare.” From there the National Child Welfare Committee of The American Legion gave to the Eight and Forty as a special assignment: “Preventive tuberculosis service along educational lines with, when possible, financial assistance providing for care and treatment of children in cooperation with recognized agencies and methods.” This assignment was later expanded beyond tuberculosis to “lung and respiratory diseases in children.”

In the course of providing this service, the need for nurses educated in the special area of lung and respiratory disease patients became evident. With that in mind, the Eight and Forty established this scholarship to assist registered nurses in expanding their knowledge in the lung and respiratory disease area. Since the first awards were made in 1957, more than \$1.4 million have been provided to nurses interested in learning more about this critical care area.



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The Eight and Forty Lung and Respiratory Disease Nursing Scholarship assists registered nurses - desiring to receive advanced training in pediatric lung and respiratory diseases - prepare for positions in clinical practice, management and/or teaching.

Appropriate positions include:

Instructor of nurses with curriculum that includes pediatric lung and respiratory diseases.

Nurse administrator or supervisor in a health-care facility that offers pediatric lung and respiratory disease treatment or therapy.

Staff nurse in a health-care facility that provides treatment or therapy for pediatric lung and respiratory disease patients.

Applicants are required to have prospects of full-time employment related to pediatric lung and respiratory diseases.

Scholarship requirements

Registered nurses with a current state license who are graduates of a regionally accredited school of nursing or will be by the application deadline.

Registered nurses that desire to continue their nursing education in the field of pediatric lung and respiratory diseases on a part-time or full-time basis.

Acceptance by a regionally accredited school of nursing that will enable the applicant to fulfill the scholarship.

United States citizenship.

Demonstrated leadership qualities.

Ability to pursue full-time employment after school.



Scholarship selection

Awards are made on the basis of personal and academic qualifications with consideration given to past experience and future employment plans as they relate to pediatric lung and respiratory disease nursing.

Completed applications must be accompanied by the following and post-marked no later than May 15:

- Current state registered nurse license or registration.
- Three letters of recommendation on the forms provided with the application.
- All college transcripts.
- Letter of acceptance from a regionally accredited school of nursing.

Applications that are incomplete or lack required documentation will not be considered. All decisions of the selection committee, composed of members of the Eight and Forty, are final.