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## ***The Tom Johnson Scholarship***

Please submit this application along with other application materials listed by email ***no later than February 28th*** in order to be considered for the Tom Johnson Scholarship. The scholarship will be awarded to a Monmouth College junior who best exemplifies the work ethic and values of Tom Johnson, a successful local businessman.

The Scholarship (which is funded through an annual cash gift from the Mellinger Foundation of Monmouth, IL) is anticipated to be **\$10,000 per year** and will be applied to the student's senior year tuition and fees at Monmouth College. The scholarship monies will be in addition to any gift assistance the student has qualified for in the past and will not be the basis of any adjustment or reduction of other gift assistance.

The winner will be selected by the faculty of the Department of Political Economy and Commerce with input from the Director of Scholarships and Financial Aid. Although the student does not have to be a business major, a demonstrated interest and ability in business will be important criteria. Students will be judged based on academic performance, work ethic inside and outside the classroom, the personal essay, and the faculty's independent assessment of the overall character of the student. The applicant's honesty, emotional intelligence, maturity and leadership qualities will be considered. An applicant may demonstrate the "can do" spirit by documenting life experiences in which the applicant struggles against and overcomes long odds against success. Life experiences which demonstrate a strong work ethic are an essential element of the personal essay and the story of the winning applicant. A strong work-ethic may occur in support of a family, in the workplace, or in co-curricular or extra-curricular participation and involvement.

A personal interview may take place when requested and arranged by the faculty.

### **Application Materials:**

- 1) Application
- 2) Academic Transcript (the selection committee will obtain with your permission below)
- 3) Current Resume including references
- 4) Essay (800-1200 words) demonstrating the applications character, work ethic and life experiences, and writing ability.

**Submit all application materials by February 28th to: [Scholarships@monmouthcollege.edu](mailto:Scholarships@monmouthcollege.edu)**

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**Name of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Permanent Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
P.O. Box or Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

**Phone Number:** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Academic Major:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Academic Minor (if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Career plans and goals:** \_\_\_\_\_

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I hereby apply for the Tom Johnson Scholarship sponsored by the Mellinger Foundation.

I solemnly affirm that the personal essay was written by me and all the information contained in the personal essay and resume is true.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I hereby authorize the Registrar's Office on the campus of Monmouth College to release my academic transcript to the faculty of the Political Economy and Commerce Department for the purpose of review for this scholarship competition.

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Applicant Signature

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Date