Richard and Julia Johnson Endowed Scholarship

The Richard and Julia Johnson Scholarship Fund, established in 2000 by the Johnson’s through the Illinois State University Foundation, is intended to support the education costs of ethnic minority students who are graduates of a secondary school (or an equivalent degree) preferably in McLean County and are pursuing a nursing degree from Mennonite College of Nursing at Illinois State University.

Richard and Julia Johnson are long-time residents of Bloomington-Normal, both committed to improving the quality of life in their community. Mr. Johnson is a former member of the Mennonite College of Nursing Board of Trustees, serving in that capacity for nine years. He and Julia have a strong belief that education is the answer to poverty, and that access to education created opportunity for individual and societal advancement. To that end, this fund provides opportunity to pursue nursing education as a means to achieving a professional rank with status, prestige, stability, and service to others.

Candidates must be graduates of a secondary school (or an equivalent degree) in McLean County, Illinois, must be members of an ethnic minority group, and must be enrolled in good standing at Illinois State University.