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| Scholarship Name:  | <b>John and Yvonne Lawson Family Scholarship</b>   |
| Application Period:  | <b>February 14 – March 14, 2010</b>  |
| Deadline:  | <b>March 15, 2010 by 12:00 p.m. PST</b>  |
| Award Announcement:  | <b>April 1, 2010</b>   |
| Award:   | <b>\$500 – 3,000 per recipient</b> (Cashier's Check either in student's or institution's name)<br>* 4-year requires Acceptance Letter <u>and</u> enrollment receipt(s); 2-year, only enrollment receipt(s)   |
| Submission Inquiries:  | <b>E-mail <a href="mailto:lawsonfamilyscholarship@gmail.com">lawsonfamilyscholarship@gmail.com</a></b>   |
| Gender:  | <b>Female</b>  |
| Heritage:  | <b>African; Asian; Hispanic; Native American; Pacific Islander</b> (both parents)  |
| Class:   | <b>High School Senior graduating Spring 2010</b>   |
| Geography:   | <b>Oakland Unified School Districts</b> (public): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Castlemont Community of Small Schools</li> <li>• Fremont Federation of High Schools</li> <li>• McClymonds Educational Complex</li> <li>• Oakland School For the Arts</li> <li>• Oakland Senior High School</li> <li>• Oakland Technical High School</li> <li>• Skyline High School</li> </ul> |
| GPA:   | <b>3.2 or higher</b> (as of semester's / quarter's end)<br>* Attach transcripts evidencing grades, class rank, and achievement / standardized test scores  |
| Letters of Recommendation:   | <b>Two</b> (cannot be family or friends)   |
| Extra-Curricular Activities:   | <b>One</b> (full-time)   |
| Essay / Personal Statement:  | <b>Required</b>  |
| Additional Requirement(s):   | <b>Application</b> (will be available February 16, 2010 at 12:00 p.m. PST)<br><b>In-Person Interview</b> (for Semi-Finalists)<br><b>Parent / Guardian Consent</b>  |
| <p>The <b>John and Yvonne Lawson Family Scholarship</b> provides financial recognition to disadvantaged yet deserving women of color in the public Oakland Unified School District. Graduating high school Senior candidates must be dedicated to academic excellence, actualization of diplomatic leadership, cultural compassion, and progressive insight through the pursuit of undergraduate education at accredited institutions.</p> |  |



The **John and Yvonne Lawson Family Scholarship** was established by Donna Ervin, a Registered Nurse, Instructor, and loving mother based in the San Francisco Bay Area.

For more than three decades, Ms. Ervin held nursing supervision tenures at Alta Bates Summit Medical Center, Kaiser Permanente, and Ingalls Memorial Hospital, receiving the Nursing Excellence Award.

An inductee of the prestigious honor society of nursing, Sigma Theta Tau, Ms. Ervin obtained her B.S. in Nursing from Holy Names University, and soon after, simultaneously acquired a joint M.S. in Nursing and an M.B.A. from the same beloved alma mater.

Ms. Ervin is a proud East Bay resident, enjoying arts and cultural events, dining, gardening, avid globetrotting, reading, and real estate investing.

For more information about Ms. Ervin and/or her Scholarship (including opportunities to donate), please e-mail [lawsonfamilyscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:lawsonfamilyscholarship@gmail.com).