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## Freedom Essay Scholarship

*Ald. Coggs Announces Winner In 3rd Year of Contest*

This summer, Ald. Milele A. Coggs offered college-bound students a chance to help pay for their education in exchange for their statement on what the concept “freedom” means to them. This year’s 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Freedom Essay Scholarship Contest winner was announced today by the alderwoman’s office.

Ms. Devin Stanford submitted the required information and wrote an essay of 1,000 words or less addressing what freedom means. Stanford is a recent graduate of Milwaukee Lutheran High School and plans to attend the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities in the fall. In her essay, she said, “To me freedom is working hard to ensure my inalienable rights and not stopping until we are all in fact treated equally.”

Ald. Coggs said, “The celebration and recognition of the struggle for freedom is one that can not be forgotten and this young woman was able to convey that fact and had great suggestions on how other young people could contribute to society to help combat and prevent prejudice, discrimination and violence in our world today.”

The contest, which has become an annual event, opened early this summer and candidates were solicited from recent high school graduates who are residents of the 6<sup>th</sup> District. Stanford will receive a \$500 award for her essay.

“It is my sincere hope that at some point all those who seek higher education and are willing to work hard for the opportunity have it; this scholarship is one small way that I have found to contribute to such opportunities,” Ald. Coggs said.