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## Alderwoman Coggs Seeks Student Essays on Freedom

### *4<sup>th</sup> Annual Freedom Essay Scholarship Contest*

Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs today launched the **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Freedom Scholarship Essay Contest** for 2011, challenging students to put into words what the concept of “freedom” means to them and how they can combat and prevent prejudice, discrimination, and violence in our world today.

The **deadline** for the scholarship is Monday, **August 22, 2011**.

Alderwoman Coggs created the contest when she took office as a dedicated investment in opportunities for students in the 6<sup>th</sup> District.

Alderwoman Coggs said it is important to give young people the opportunity to express their reflections about freedom in a way that can benefit themselves and society. “Giving our young people a voice through the scholarship essay contest is one small way of reaffirming our belief in them as they strive to become the productive adults and leaders in Milwaukee,” she said.

Two scholarships will be awarded and excerpts from winning essays may be published, Alderwoman Coggs said.

**Applications are available beginning today – online at [www.city.milwaukee.gov/district6](http://www.city.milwaukee.gov/district6) – and must be returned and postmarked by August 22, 2011.**

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## **Scholarship Essay Contest/ADD ONE**

The application is open to students who reside in Milwaukee and attended a public, private, parochial, or home school, or who participated in a high school correspondence program in the City of Milwaukee. Preference will be given to residents of the 6<sup>th</sup> District (see map at: [www.city.milwaukee.gov/district6](http://www.city.milwaukee.gov/district6)).

Applications will be available starting Monday (May 16) at:

- **Martin Luther King Library**, 301 W. Locust St., Milwaukee, WI 53212
- **Northcott Neighborhood House**, 2460 N. 6th St., Milwaukee, WI 53212
- **Wisconsin Black Historical Society Museum**, 2620 W. Center St.,  
Milwaukee, WI 53206

**Additional contest rules, complete details and submission requirements are contained within the application.** For more information, please contact: Akuwa Dantzler at **(414) 286-8640**.