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July 30, 2009

Ald. Milele A. Coggs  
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## Ald. Coggs Extends Deadline for Freedom Scholarship

As part of the City of Milwaukee's celebration of the 38<sup>th</sup> annual Juneteenth Festival, 6th District Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs opened her now annual Freedom Scholarship Essay Contest to entrants for 2009. To continue to encourage students in her district to take advantage of the opportunity, the alderwoman has extended the application deadline. Applicants must submit their essays expressing what the concept of "freedom" means to them and how they, as students, can combat and prevent prejudice, discrimination and violence in our world today by **August 27, 2009**.

Ald. Coggs has offered two now annual scholarship contests for students in her district since she took office. "This essay contest is about engaging young people to express their innermost thoughts about freedom and hope as they move ever closer to assuming roles of leadership and contributing their vital talents and abilities to the Milwaukee of the twenty-first century," Alderwoman Coggs said.

"We've extended the deadline to be sure and offer as many eligible students as possible the opportunity. The essays are so reaffirming to read and only further demonstrate the need to support students with bold ideas and who are driven to pursue extraordinary futures," Ald. Coggs said.

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

**Applications must be returned and postmarked by August 27, 2009—the extended deadline.**

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

Eligibility requirements are:

*Students must be:*

- Recent high school graduates (2007, 2008 or 2009)
- Milwaukee 6th Aldermanic District residents -- see map at:  
[www.city.milwaukee.gov/district6](http://www.city.milwaukee.gov/district6)
- Accepted to a two- or four-year college or university (*verification will be required*)
- Able to submit a completed application

Applications will be available 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

Applications can also be found on the web at: [www.city.milwaukee.gov/district6](http://www.city.milwaukee.gov/district6)

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