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Ald. Milele A. Coggs  
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## Alderwoman Coggs Seeks Student Essays on Freedom

*5<sup>th</sup> Annual Freedom Essay Scholarship Contest*

Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs today launched the **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Freedom Scholarship Essay Contest** for 2012, challenging students to analyze the concept of “freedom” and – in an essay of 1,000 words or less – (a) analyze why it is so vital that the remembrance, history and lessons of freedom be passed to a new generation; and (b) suggest what they, as students, can do to combat and prevent prejudice, discrimination, and violence in our world today.

The **deadline** for the scholarship is Monday, **August 13, 2012**.

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 13, 2012.**

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

The application is open to recent high school grads (2010-2012) who attended a school in the City of Milwaukee; City of Milwaukee residents (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)); those accepted to a two or four-year college/university; and those who are able to submit a completed application.

Applications are now available at:

- **Martin Luther King Library**, 310 W. Locust St., Milwaukee, WI 53212
- **All other Milwaukee Public Library locations**
- **Northcott Neighborhood House**, 2460 N. 6th St., Milwaukee, WI 53212
- **Wisconsin Black Historical Society Museum**, 2620 W. Center St., Milwaukee, WI 53206
- **Pearls for Teen Girls**, 2100 N. Palmer St., Milwaukee 53212
- **Holton Youth & Family Center**, 510 E Burleigh St., Milwaukee 53212
- **Harambee Community Center** 335 W. Wright St., Milwaukee 53212

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