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Expressions of freedom net scholarships for Milwaukee youth

Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs announced today the winners of the sixth annual **Freedom Scholarship Essay Contest**.

Selected from entries sent to the Alderwoman's office, the winners are **Saudia Norfleet**, an industrial technology major at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, and **Chakari Monsanto**, who is attending Marquette University and will be majoring in clinical laboratory sciences.

Alderwoman Coggs said each of the winning essays resonated with the theme of the scholarship contest, which asks 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. "These young people demonstrated an understanding of the struggle for equality and freedom that transcends their youth," Alderwoman Coggs said. "They make me proud and give me hope for the future."

Ms. Norfleet, in her essay, wrote: "Although the freedom we have now was gradually and difficultly obtained over time, it can just as quickly be snatched from under us if we as people do not continue to push to ensure that the rights we are entitled to are actively applied."

In her essay, Ms. Monsanto wrote: "The lessons need to be passed down to new generations. If they aren't aware of such lessons, they will believe anything and accept anything, which is detrimental to their lives."

Each winner receives a \$500 scholarship award.