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## Alderwoman Coggs Seeks Student Essays on Freedom

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

Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs today launched the **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Freedom Scholarship Essay Contest** for 2014, 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 the world today.

The **deadline** for the scholarship is Friday, **August 15, 2014**.

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 positive way that can benefit themselves and society. “The scholarship essay contest is a small way of reaffirming our belief and hope in our young people as they work to become the productive adults and leaders in Milwaukee,” she said.

Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded and 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), at all city libraries and at many high schools and colleges—and must be returned and postmarked by August 15, 2014.**

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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)).

Printed applications will be available starting today (Wednesday, April 24) at:

- **WestCare Wisconsin Inc. Harambee Community Center**, 335 W. Wright St., Milwaukee, WI 53212
- **Martin Luther King Library**, 310 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**.