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## **Winners of scholarship contest express their love of freedom**

Two students from Rufus King International School and Milwaukee High School of the Arts have netted scholarships as winners of the 6<sup>th</sup> annual **Freedom Scholarship Essay Contest**, Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs announced today.

Selected from entries sent to the Alderwoman's office, the winners are **Helen Fetaw**, a Rufus King student bound for the University of Pennsylvania, and **Mahogany Hughes-Hinton**, an MHSA student moving on to Milwaukee Area Technical College.

Alderwoman Coggs said both of the winning essays captured the essence 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. "The struggle for freedom and parity is just as difficult and important today as it ever was," Ald. Coggs said. "These young women make it clear that there is a new generation of young leaders who are emerging to carry the torch."

Ms. Fetaw, in her essay, wrote: "We must not be discouraged by those who attempt to strip us down by saying that we are not good enough, that we do not have what it takes simply due to the pigment of our skin—as if our melanin and neurons were somehow entangled."

In her essay, Ms. Hughes-Hinton wrote: "Recognizing the path that my ancestors forged reminds me to always fight for what is right and for what I have faith in, because the harder the fight the sweeter the victory."

Each winner receives a \$500 scholarship award.