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Winner of scholarship reflects on the importance of history for freedom

A graduate of North Division High School has earned a scholarship as the winner of the 7th annual **Freedom Scholarship Essay Contest**, Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs announced today.

Selected from entries sent to the Alderwoman's office, the winner is **Takiya Eiland**, a second year college student majoring in criminal justice at Central State University. She is also a former member of the City of Milwaukee Youth Council.

Alderwoman Coggs said the winning essay incorporated a thoughtful reflection on the fight for freedom with ideas on how to combat and prevent prejudice, discrimination and violence in our world today. "We are still fighting to make freedom and justice realities for all," Ald. Coggs said. "This young woman symbolizes the new generation of young leaders who are working to make these goals possible with the freedom movements of the past as their guide."

In her essay, Ms. Eiland wrote: "When people are taught about their culture, history, and what it took to get to where we are today: they are more likely to appreciate the world today and pass what they know down to even more generations."

Ms. Eiland will receive a \$500 scholarship award.

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