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FOR INFORMATION CALL

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Alderwoman Coggs announces 11th Annual Freedom Essay Scholarship Contest

Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs is challenging recent Milwaukee high school graduates to analyze the concept of “freedom” for the **11th Annual Freedom Essay Scholarship Contest**. The scholarship is open to current and recent high school graduates from Milwaukee who are college-bound.

The topic for the essay is “freedom,” and it provides graduates with an opportunity to define what it means to them. They are encouraged to share their ideas to end prejudice, oppression, discrimination, sexism and violence, on a global scale. **The suggested length of an applicant’s essay is 1,000 words or less.**

Applications are being accepted now until the close of business on **August 9, 2019**. One \$500 scholarship will be awarded and the winning essay may be published, Alderwoman Coggs said.

“I am excited to announce the return of our annual Freedom Essay Contest,” said Alderwoman Coggs. “Every year, this contest allows our students and future leaders to explore what freedom means to them. I encourage everyone who meets the requirements to apply and help us to continue to celebrate the lessons and history of freedom that have been passed down to us.”

Applications are available online at milwaukee.gov/District6/FSECRRegistration. Paper applications will also be available at city libraries, many high schools and colleges, and the following are drop-off locations:

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Scholarship Essay Contest/ADD ONE

- **WestCare Wisconsin, Inc. Harambee Community Center**, 335 W. Wright St.
- **Northcott Neighborhood House**, 2460 N. 6th St.
- **Wisconsin Black Historical Society Museum**, 2620 W. Center St.
- **Martin Luther King Library**, 310 W. Locust St

The contest is open to students who reside in the City of Milwaukee and attended a public, private, parochial or home school, or who participated in a high school correspondence program in the city. Preference will be given to residents of the 6th Aldermanic District.

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

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Scholarship Essay Contest

2019



OBJECTIVE

To assist our college bound recent high school graduates in the Milwaukee area to better understand where their paths lead.

We hope that this contest will help our youth appreciate the sacrifice that African-American men and women of our past have made, and recognize their duty to continue the legacy of freedom through their activism and vigilance.

TOPIC

Analyze the concept of **"FREEDOM"** in a 1,000 word essay or less:

- (A) analyze why it is so vital that the remembrance, history and lessons of freedom be passed to a new generation
- (B) suggest what they, as students, can do to combat and prevent prejudice, discrimination and violence in our world today

*See contest rules for complete details and submission requirements.

ELIGIBILITY

1. City of Milwaukee Resident
2. Recent high school graduate (2017, 2018, 2019) planning to attend a 2 or 4 year college in the fall of 2019
3. Attended one of the following in the City of Milwaukee:
 - public school
 - private school
 - parochial school
 - home school
 - high school correspondence program

*Preference will be given to 6th District residents.



Entries **MUST** be postmarked by August 9, 2019

Registration, Details & Rules : milwaukee.gov/district6/FSEC

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