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Ald. Coggs Challenges Students To Put Freedom In Writing

Aldерwoman Slates Juneteenth Launch of Freedom Scholarship Essay Contest

It is important to remember the struggle for freedom that people of African descent in America went through not only on Juneteenth Day, but every day. And in that spirit of remembrance and also celebration, 6th District Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs is today launching the **1st Annual Freedom Scholarship Essay Contest**.

“This essay contest is about engaging young people to express their innermost thoughts about freedom and hope as they move ever closer to assuming roles of leadership and contributing their vital talents and abilities to the Milwaukee of the twenty-first century,” Alderwoman Coggs said.

Students responding to this year’s inaugural writing contest should analyze the concept of “freedom” and then, in an essay of 1000 words or less: *(a) analyze why it is so vital that the remembrance, history and lessons of freedom be passed to a new generation; and (b) suggest what they, as students, can do to combat and prevent prejudice, discrimination and violence in our world today.*

Two scholarships will be awarded and excerpts from winning essays may be published, Ald. Coggs said.

Applications will be made available beginning June 23, 2008 and must be returned and postmarked by July 31, 2008.

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Coggs To Launch Scholarship Essay Contest/ADD ONE

Eligibility requirements are:

Students must be:

- 2008 high school graduates
- Milwaukee 6th Aldermanic District residents -- see map at:
www.city.milwaukee.gov/district6
- Accepted to a two- or four-year college or university (*verification will be required*)
- Able to submit a completed application

Applications will be available on Monday, June 23, 2008 at:

- **Martin Luther King Library**, 301 W. Locust St., Milwaukee, WI 53212
- **Northcott Neighborhood House**, 2460 N. 6th St., Milwaukee, WI 53212
- **America's Black Holocaust Museum**, 2233 N. 4th St., Milwaukee, WI 53212
- **Wisconsin Black Historical Society Museum**, 2620 W. Center St., Milwaukee, WI 53206

Applications can also be found starting June 23 on the web at:

www.city.milwaukee.gov/district6

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