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Freedom Scholarship Aids Educational Goals

Ald. Coggs Announces First Award Winners In Annual Contest

This summer, Ald. Milele A. Coggs offered college-bound students a chance to help pay for their education in exchange for their statement on what the concept “freedom” means to them. The first Freedom Essay Scholarship Contest winners were announced today by the Alderwoman’s office.

Ms. Khadijah Aleem and Ms. Diandra Marbley submitted the required information and wrote essays of 1,000 words or less addressing what freedom means. Aleem is a 2008 graduate of Rufus King High School and will be a freshman at Spelman College this fall. Marbley is a 2008 graduate of Whitefish Bay High School and will be a freshman at Wisconsin Lutheran College.

Ald. Coggs said, “The celebration and recognition of the struggle for freedom is one that can not be forgotten and these two young ladies were able to convey that fact and had great suggestions on how other young people could contribute to society to help combat and prevent prejudice, discrimination and violence in our world today.”

The contest was announced late this spring and candidates were solicited from college bound residents of District 6. Each woman will receive a \$500 award for her essay.

"It is my sincere hope that at some point all those who seek higher education and are willing to work hard for the opportunity have it; this scholarship is one small way that I have found to contribute to such opportunities," Ald. Coggs said. The contest is slated to be an annual event.