



KEF Scholarship Catalog

KEF Eligibility Requirements

KEF offers merit-based scholarships to Koniag, Incorporated shareholders and descendants. Awards may vary depending on availability of funds. GPA requirements vary by award and must be met to be considered eligible for award. Applications must be postmarked or time-stamped by the posted deadline. Awarded funds are disbursed directly to the program and cannot be applied to accounts in arrears.

All applicants must be registered Koniag, Incorporated shareholders or descendants. Descendants must have an approved shareholder descendant database application submitted and approved by Koniag, Incorporated's Shareholder Records Manager prior to any disbursement of award. Any applicants who are not currently enrolled in the Koniag, Inc. descendant or shareholder database must complete the [descendant database form](#) and submit the form to Shareholder Relations at Koniag, Inc. For more information regarding the Descendant Database Form and enrollment shareholder ID's, please e-mail shareholderrecords@koniag.com or call (800) 658-3818.

Special Scholarships have additional requirements for field of study which must be met. Scholarships administered on behalf of our partners have additional eligibility requirements which are detailed in the description of each award.

Full-time college and university students who hold junior, senior, or graduate status must be accepted into degree seeking programs.

Members of the Koniag Education Foundation Board of Directors and their families are not eligible to apply for KEF scholarships and grants.

Because KEF is a private nonprofit, IRS regulations require that all scholarship, vocational, and career development funds must be mailed directly to the institute where training is taking place.

General Information

All writing is graded not only for content, but also, spelling, grammar, punctuation, and formatting. While it is permissible to have someone else proofread your work prior to submitting it, the work you submit must be your own. Parents, guardians, etc. should not apply on behalf of the student.

Letters of Recommendation (LOR's)

The Scholarship Committee uses LOR's to evaluate your potential for success and leadership in your field of study. LOR's should be submitted by a teacher, faculty member, academic advisor, employer, or an

activity leader who knows you well and can reflect on your character, academic, scholastic and leadership ability and potential. The recommender should detail their relationship to you and how long they have known you. Letters from immediate family members are not accepted.

ALL NEW STUDENTS are required to submit two signed LOR's are required. Returning student's (from the previous year) do not have to submit LOR's (unless they are applying for special scholarships such as the Angayuk, Matfay, Drabek or Godfrey Scholarships). Your LOR's may be used for multiple KEF scholarship applications and need to be included with each scholarship you apply for to avoid a low score on the completeness of your application. LOR's should be in .pdf format, not MS Word type documents and may not be more than one year old.

KEF General Scholarship

Award: Up to \$2,500 per school year; multiple recipients per year

Deadline: March 15: (Funding classes for following Summer, Fall, Winter and/or Spring

Summary: KEF General Scholarships are awarded to students with a GPA of 2.5 or higher who are pursuing a post-secondary or advanced degree through an accredited educational institution

Requirements:

- 2.5 GPA minimum or equivalent
- Meet KEF eligibility requirements

Required Documents for KEF General

The following documents must be submitted by the application deadline for consideration of this scholarship award:

- **Essay:** In your essay, include a description of your personal and family history, community involvement, volunteer activities, as well as your educational and life goals. (Min. 500 words).
Recent Resume with employment history, school activities, volunteer/community service, awards/honors, additional education/training, 2 pages maximum
- **Official Transcript:** You must request that an official transcript be sent to KEF directly from your educational institution either by having it mailed to 4241 B Street, Suite 303B, Anchorage, AK 99503, or e-mailed to scholarships@koniageducation.org through a secure electronic transcript delivery network.
- **2 Letters of Recommendation:** Letters should be from current/former employers or professors and should not be older than 1 year (Not required if you received KEF funding in the prior year). Please see above section regarding letters of recommendation for more detailed information.
- **Photo:** Please upload a recent profile photo in .jpg format. If you are not applying online, please email a profile photo of yourself in .jpg format as an e-mail attachment to scholarships@koniageducation.org.

Career Development Grant

Award: Up to \$1,000; multiple recipients per year; limit of two CDG's per year per applicant.

Deadline: No deadline, ongoing

Purpose: To seek out and honor students who have chosen to further their education through non-degree programs such as licensing and certification trainings, seminars, workshops or other career advancing programs lasting up to six weeks. There is a limit of two Career Development grants per year per applicant.

Requirement: Students must meet KEF's eligibility requirements, be accepted to or enrolled in a career development course AND

- a) Demonstrate how the training will assist them in gaining employment or job security and/or advancement.

Required Documents for Career Development Grant

The following documents must be submitted by the application deadline for consideration of this scholarship award:

- **Essay:** In your essay, include a description of your personal and family history, community involvement, volunteer activities, as well as your educational and life goals. Also, explain how this education will enhance your ability to find employment and/or improve current employment. (Min. 300 words).
- **Recent Resume** with employment history, school activities, volunteer/community service, awards/honors, additional education/training, 2 pages maximum
- **Photo:** Please upload a recent profile photo in .jpg format. If you are not applying online, please email a profile photo of yourself in .jpg format as an e-mail attachment to scholarships@koniageducation.org.

Vocational Scholarship

Award: Up to \$2,500.00; multiple recipients per year

Deadline: No deadline, ongoing

Purpose: To seek out and honor students who have chosen to further their education through vocational training. Vocational Scholarships are awarded to individuals interested in non-degree technical education and training that are six-weeks in duration or longer.

Requirements: Students must meet KEF's eligibility requirements, be accepted to or enrolled in an accredited or state or municipally recognized vocational school AND

- a) Maintains a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 or equivalent scores
- b) Demonstrate how the training will assist student in gaining employment or job security and/ or advancement

Required Documents for Vocational Scholarship

The following documents must be submitted by the application deadline for consideration of this scholarship award:

- **Essay:** In your essay, include a description of your personal and family history, community involvement, volunteer activities, as well as your educational and life goals. (Min. 300 words). Also, explain how this education will enhance your ability to find employment and/or improve current employment. (Min. 300 words)
- **Recent Resume** with employment history, school activities, volunteer/community service, awards/honors, additional education/training, 2 pages maximum
- **1 Letter of Recommendation:** Letter should be from current/former employer, mentor or coach and should not be more than one year old. Please see above section regarding letters of recommendation for more detailed information.
- **Photo:** Please upload a recent profile photo in .jpg format. If you are not applying online, please email a profile photo of yourself in .jpg format as an e-mail attachment to scholarships@koniageducation.org.

Koniag Angayuk “Partner” Scholarship & Internship

Award: \$10,000 per year until graduation; one recipient per year (pending)

Deadline: January 15



Purpose: Koniag, Inc. has established an internship/scholarship program to seek out Koniag’s best and brightest shareholders and descendants to intern in subsidiaries of Koniag Development Corporation (KDC). Scholarship recipients are awarded an annual scholarship of \$10,000 throughout their post-secondary education. This award allows the student to focus on his/her field of study and gain related work experience for a 6 to 10-week period during the summer, while helping Koniag identify, cultivate, and encourage future leaders.

Special Requirements: Students must have full-time status, a minimum GPA of 3.0, agree to intern in any one of Koniag’s subsidiaries and be willing to relocate for a period of 6 to 10 weeks during the summer. Students will receive a salary during their internship and travel and lodging will be funded by Koniag, Inc. Students who participate in the internship will receive renewed funding of \$10,000 each year until graduation.

Student may apply for this scholarship in conjunction with other KEF scholarships. The scholarship essay should specifically outline which subsidiary they are most interested in interning with from the companies listed [here](#). All applicants must submit the [Internship Agreement Form](#).

Required Documents for Koniag Angayuk “Partner” Scholarship/Internship

- **Essay:** In your essay, include a description of your personal and family history, community involvement, volunteer activities, as well as your educational and life goals. (Min. 500 words).
- **Qualification Summary:** In addition to the required Common Application Essay, Koniag Angayuk Scholarship applicants must complete a “Qualifications Summary” discussing the specific subsidiary you are most interested in working for. Talk about why and where you would like to intern, and the qualities that make you an ideal candidate for this award. The more specific you are, the better! Remember, once you have been awarded this scholarship, you may continue to receive the scholarship each year until completion of your degree, provided you continue the summer internships and continue meeting the requirements. For information on Koniag, Inc.’s subsidiaries, click [here](#).
- **Recent Resume** with employment history, school activities, volunteer/community service, awards/honors, additional education/training, 2 pages maximum.

- **Official Transcript:** You must request an official transcript be sent to KEF directly from your educational institution either by having it mailed to 4241 B Street, Suite 303B, Anchorage, AK 99503, or e-mailed to scholarships@koniageducation.org through a secure electronic transcript delivery network.
 - **1 Letters of Recommendation:** LOR should be submitted by a teacher, faculty member, academic advisor, employer, or an activity leader who knows you well and can reflect on your character, academic, scholastic and leadership ability and potential. The recommender should detail their relationship to you and how long they have known you. Letters from immediate family members are not accepted and must be less than one year old.
 - **Photo:** Please upload a recent profile photo of yourself in .jpg format or as an e-mail attachment to scholarships@koniageducation.org.
-

Required Documents for all Special Scholarships (below)

The following documents must be submitted by the application deadline for consideration of this scholarship award:

- **Essay:** This essay should be specific to the details of the scholarship you are applying for. It needs to include a description of your personal and family history, community involvement, volunteer activities, as well as your educational and life goals. Additionally, you must state why you are an ideal candidate for this award (Min. 500 words).
- **Recent Resume** with employment history, school activities, volunteer/community service, awards/honors, additional education/training, 2 pages maximum
- **Official Transcript:** You must request that an official transcript be sent to KEF directly from your educational institution either by having it mailed to 4241 B Street, Suite 303B, Anchorage, AK 99503, or e-mailed to scholarships@koniageducation.org through a secure electronic transcript delivery network.
- **1 Letter of Recommendation:** Letters should be from current/former employer or teacher who can support your qualifications for this scholarship. Letter should not be older than 1 year. *(Not required if you received KEF funding in the prior year)* Please see above section regarding letters of recommendation for more detailed information.
- **Photo:** Please upload a recent profile photo of yourself in .jpg format or as an e-mail attachment to scholarships@koniageducation.org.

TRANSPAC Alaska Scholarship

Award: \$10,000; one recipient per year

Deadline: June 1



Summary: The Trans-Pac Alaska Scholarship is available to shareholders and descendants due to the generous contribution of Charles Kim, owner of Trans-Pac Alaska. Mr. Kim's visionary leadership has made Trans-Pac a successful log and lumber export company for 28 years. Mr. Kim and Trans-Pac value Kodiak's people, having employed many through logging on Afognak Island.

In addition to improving Kodiak's economy through employment, Mr. Kim has invested in the education of our people by donating the funds that make this scholarship available to Kodiak shareholders and descendants who are studying in fields of natural resources such as forestry and have a GPA of 3.0 or above.

Requirements:

- 3.0 GPA
- Seeking degree in natural resources (e.g. Forestry, fisheries, biology)
- Meet KEF eligibility requirements

ExxonMobil



Award: Up to \$10,000; one recipient per year

Deadline: June 1

Summary: ExxonMobil is working to reach out to Alaska's communities and people by encouraging education in the fields of Math and Science. On a recent trip to Kodiak, ExxonMobil representatives met with leaders of Kodiak's Native people, Museum and Repository Directors, and local government representatives. After learning what a unique people make up the Natives of Kodiak Island, ExxonMobil has offered to fund a \$10,000 scholarship for those students studying in fields that are directly related to the oil and gas industry.

Requirements:

- 3.0 GPA minimum
- Oil or gas industry-related field
- Meet KEF eligibility requirements

Alyeska Pipeline Service Co.

As a committed supporter of the education of our Alutiiq students, Alyeska Pipeline Service Company (“Alyeska”) has a key role in the financial support of KEF students majoring in any of the fields listed below. Funding of scholarships is limited to undergraduate studies.



- Security
- Health
- Safety
- Environment
- Quality
- Inspection Professionals
- Planner/Schedulers/Project Controls
- Project Manager
- Information Technology Professionals
- Business Planning
- Technical positions (Instrument, SCADA, Process Technology, Communications)
- Engineering (Electrical, Mechanical, or Civil, Chemical/Process)

Alyeska provides scholarship funding to organizations with the goal to provide partial monetary support to Alaska Natives for training, education, and internships that are needed in preparation for careers with Alyeska and on the Trans Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS) or other oil industry related jobs. This funding is strategically focused to increase the pool of qualified Alaska Native applicants in specific job categories.

The Alyeska program is an in-house matching scholarship. Students who qualify will be identified by KEF and notified individually if they are eligible. **No additional application is necessary.**

Larry Matfay Cultural Heritage Scholarship (Pending Continued Funding)

Award: \$1,000; one recipient per year

Deadline: June 1

Purpose: The Larry Matfay Cultural Heritage Scholarship is named in honor of Larry Matfay. Matfay was an Alutiiq elder and the last chief of Akhiok. He freely shared his extensive knowledge of the Alutiiq culture to revitalize and renew our heritage and pride. [Click here to view Larry Matfay's complete biography.](#)

Requirements: One student per year who is accepted to or enrolled in an institution of higher learning and is majoring in anthropology, history, Alaska Native or American Indian Studies, or other disciplines with a course of study of Alutiiq culture.

- 2.5 GPA minimum or equivalent
- Student has achieved junior class standing or higher (including graduate student status)
- Meet KEF eligibility requirements

Glenn Godfrey Sr. Memorial Scholarship (Pending Continued Funding)

Award: \$5,000; one recipient per year

Deadline: June 1

Purpose: This scholarship was established to help our Alutiiq people pursue self-improvement and positive leadership roles in our communities.

Requirements:

- 2.5 GPA minimum or equivalent
- Ability to demonstrate continued community service or civic duty
- Meet KEF eligibility requirements

About Glenn Godfrey:

The Glenn Godfrey Sr. Memorial Scholarship is named in honor of Mr. Glenn Godfrey Sr., an Aleut political and social leader raised on Kodiak Island. Glenn Godfrey led an exemplary career with the State Troopers, from walking a beat to finding innovative ways to improve law enforcement in rural communities, and finally serving as Commissioner of Public Safety for the State of Alaska. At his retirement, after 32 years with the Department of Public Safety, Governor Tony Knowles said, “He has distinguished himself by his selfless dedication to public service, his commitment to protecting Alaska’s children, and meeting the unprecedented public safety challenges that followed September 11th.”

Glenn was born and raised in Kodiak and joined the Alaska State Troopers in 1970. He served as a patrol trooper in Anchorage, Juneau, and Northway, where he was responsible for drug enforcement along the Canadian border. In 1978, he was promoted as post commander for Western Alaska in Bethel where he was instrumental in the development of the Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) program. Godfrey was later assigned to the director’s office in Anchorage and was put in charge of the VPSO program, statewide search and rescues, and the Trooper’s Special Emergency Reaction Team. Godfrey went on to serve as chief of Rural Enforcement and deputy director of the Alaska State Troopers. Knowles promoted Godfrey to director of the Trooper Division in 1995 and he succeeded Ron Otte as Commissioner of the Department in August of 2000. Upon his retirement, he was appointed to Gov. Tony Knowles’s cabinet as the Commissioner of Public Safety. Mr. Godfrey was the first Alaska Native in both posts. Godfrey also served as chairman of Koniag Inc., the ANSCA regional corporation for Kodiak, and was named “Citizen of the Year” by the Alaska Federation of Natives in 1999.

Magnel Larsen Drabek Memorial Scholarship (Pending Continued Funding)

Award: \$2,000; one recipient per year

Deadline: June 1

Requirements:

- 2.5 GPA minimum or equivalent
- Major in education, arts or cultural studies
- Meet KEF eligibility requirements

About Magnel “Maggie” E. Drabek:

Magnel “Maggie” E. Drabek was born in Afognak village in 1926 to Olga (daughter of Evdokia (Nekrasoff) and Peter Paul Naumoff of Afognak) and Louie Larsen (a fisherman and merchant marine originally from Alesund, Norway). Maggie was known for her fortitude, practical leadership, diplomacy, humor and creativity.

In 1947 she married Henry “Hank” Alvin Drabek of Springville, N.Y., after they met in Seattle, Wash., while Hank was decommissioning the aircraft carrier Bonhomme Richard after World War II. Together they raised two sons, Anthony “Tony” John and Alvin Lawrence. Hank was overseas for many years serving in the Navy during the Korean War. Regardless of where they lived, Maggie was always involved in community activities and recognized for her talents. For example, during their years living on the Coronado Naval Base in Southern California, she won numerous artistic awards for hat designs, publicity posters and costumes.

They returned to live in Kodiak after Hank retired from the Navy. Maggie worked for many years in the Kodiak school system as a cook and later as a teacher’s aide before retiring for health reasons. Prior to her work in Kodiak schools, she served as forelady for several prominent fish processors. Maggie’s family remembers when the 1964 earthquake and tsunami struck, the only household item she grabbed before heading for high ground was her “Big Ben” alarm clock so she wouldn’t be late for work the next morning. Ironically, while she had her alarm clock, the cannery she worked at had been washed away in the night, along with her house and all the family’s belongings.

When Maggie was a young, single woman living in Washington, she gave birth to a son who she was unable to care for at the time. Maggie made the difficult decision to give him up for adoption. Her son, Roger McCracken, now lives in Bellevue, Wash., and was reunited with his two brothers in 1998 after Tony’s search for Roger proved fruitful. The families are pleased to honor Maggie’s memory through the creation of a memorial scholarship fund to support education, arts and cultural studies students.

Maggie passed away in 1990. The memory of her as a loving mother, wife, friend, sister, aunt and daughter, as well as her passion for education and Alutiiq culture, lives on.