



## **2020-21 KEF Scholarship Catalog**

KEF offers merit-based scholarships to Koniag, Incorporated shareholders and descendants. These scholarships are competitive and are scored for completeness by an independent scholarship review committee. 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.

All applicants must be 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](mailto:shareholderrecords@koniag.com) or call (800) 658-3818.

### **General Information**

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 (Alaska Standard Time). Awarded funds are disbursed directly to the program or school and cannot be applied to accounts in arrears.

Special Scholarships have additional requirements for field of study which must be met. Scholarships administered on behalf of our partners also 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 immediate family members are not eligible to apply for KEF scholarships and grants.

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. It is not permissible for parents, guardians, etc. to apply on behalf of the student..

### **Letters of Recommendation (LOR's)**

The Scholarship Committee uses letters of recommendation to evaluate your potential for success and leadership in your field of study. Letters of Recommendation should be submitted by a current/former employer, teacher, faculty member, academic advisor, mentor, 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, how long they have known you, and why you would be an ideal candidate for the scholarship you are applying for. Letters from immediate family members are not accepted. LOR's must be signed, dated and not be more than one year old.

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## 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
- Must have attained high school diploma or GED by May 31 of application year.
- Enrolled in a minimum of 6 undergraduate credits or 3 graduate credits per term.
- Meet all other [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 1) personal and family history, 2) community and/or family involvement 3) volunteer activities/awards, and 4) educational and life goals. If you are a returning student, you may want to share what you've learned during the past school year. For instance, what were your challenges or setbacks and how did you overcome them? What were your triumphs or accomplishments? (500 word minimum)
- **Recent Resume** with employment history, school activities, volunteer/community service, awards/honors, additional education/training. (2 pages maximum)
- **Transcript:** Submit your most recent high school, GED, or college transcript (whichever is applicable). This **MUST** be followed up with an official transcript sent to KEF after your term is complete or by May 31. The official transcript must come 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](mailto:scholarships@koniageducation.org) through your school's secure electronic transcript delivery network (such as Parchment, eScript, National Student Clearinghouse, etc.). Official transcripts must be received by May 31 in order to receive your award if selected.
- **2 Letters of Recommendation:** Letters must be signed, dated, and not more than one year old. (Not required if you are a continuing KEF General student who has received KEF funding in the prior year). Please see previous section regarding letters of recommendation for detailed information.
- **Profile Photo:** A recent profile photo of yourself in .jpg, .tiff, or .gif format. This does not have to be taken by a professional photographer but should be something you'd include on a resume.

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## Career Development Grant

**Award:** Up to \$1,000; multiple recipients per year. Limit of two (2) CDG's per fiscal year not to exceed a total of \$1,000.

**Deadline:** No deadline, ongoing

**Purpose:** To assist 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.

**Requirements:** Any qualified student who is accepted to or enrolled in a career development course and can demonstrate how the training will assist the student in gaining employment or job security and/or advancement. Must meet all other [KEF eligibility requirements](#). Proof of completion is required.

### Required Documents for Career Development Grant

The following documents must be submitted for consideration of this scholarship award:

- **Essay:** In your essay, include a description of your 1) personal and family history, 2) community/family involvement, 3) volunteer activities/awards, 4) your educational and life goals, and 5) explain how this education will enhance your ability to find employment and/or improve current employment. (300 word minimum)
- **Recent Resume** with employment history, school activities, volunteer/community service, awards/honors, and additional education/training. (2 pages maximum)
- **Proof of Cost of Program:** An invoice and/or cost of attendance from the school/training program.
- **Profile Photo:** A recent profile photo of yourself in .jpg, .tiff, or .gif format. This does not have to be taken by a professional photographer but should be something you'd include on a resume.

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## Vocational Scholarship

**Award:** Up to \$2,500.00; multiple recipients per year; limit of one (1) per fiscal year per applicant.

**Deadline:** No deadline, ongoing

**Purpose:** To assist 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:** Any qualified student who is accepted to or enrolled in an accredited or state or municipally recognized vocational school. Must meet all other [KEF eligibility requirements](#). Proof of completion is required.

- Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 or equivalent.
- Applicant must demonstrate how the training will assist in gaining employment, 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 1) personal and family history, 2) community/family involvement, 3) volunteer activities/awards, 4) your educational and life goals, and 5) explain how this education will enhance your ability to find employment and/or improve current employment. (300 word minimum)
  - **Recent Resume** with employment history, school activities, volunteer/community service, awards/honors, additional education/training. (2 pages maximum)
  - **1 Letter of Recommendation:** Letter must be signed, dated and not be more than one year old. Please see previous section regarding letters of recommendation for more detailed information.
  - **Proof of Cost of Program:** An invoice and/or cost of attendance from the school/training program.
  - **Profile Photo:** A recent profile photo of yourself in .jpg, .tiff, or .gif format. This does not have to be taken by a professional photographer but should be something you'd include on a resume.
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## Alyeska Pipeline Service Company.

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
- Engineering (Electrical, Mechanical, or Civil, Chemical/Process)
- Project Manager
- Information Technology Professionals
- Business Planning
- Technical positions (Instrument, SCADA, Process Technology, Communications)

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.

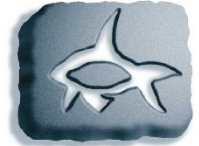
The Alyeska program is an in-house matching scholarship. Students who qualify will be identified by KEF and notified individually if they are eligible. **No additional application is necessary.**

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## Koniag Angayuk Scholarship & Internship

**Award:** \$5,000 per academic year until graduation; one recipient per year

**Deadline:** Opens November 15 and closes January 15 annually



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**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). Students who participate in the internship will receive renewed funding of \$5,000 each year until graduation, provided they continue the summer internships and continue meeting the requirements. This award allows students to focus on their 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. Student may apply for this scholarship in conjunction with other KEF scholarships.

### Required Documents for Koniag Angayuk "Partner" Scholarship/Internship

- **Two-Part Essay** (500 word minimum): In first part of your essay, include a description of you're a) personal and family history, b) community/family involvement, c) volunteer activities, as well as your educational and life goals. The second part of the essay, the "qualifications summary", you should discuss the specific subsidiary you are most interested in working for and why. Share the qualities that make you an ideal candidate for this internship and scholarship award. The more specific you are, the better! For information on Koniag, Inc.'s subsidiaries, visit <https://www.koniag.com/koniag/subsidiaries/>.
- **Recent Resume** with employment history, school activities, volunteer/community service, awards/honors, additional education/training. (2 pages maximum)
- **Transcript:** Submit your most recent high school, GED, or college transcript (whichever is applicable). This **MUST** be followed up with an official transcript sent to KEF after your term is complete or by May 31. The official transcript must come 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](mailto:scholarships@koniageducation.org) through your school's secure electronic transcript delivery network (such as Parchment, eScript, National Student Clearinghouse, etc.). Official transcripts must be received by May 31 in order to receive your award if selected.
- **2 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. Family members may not provide letters of recommendation. The recommender should detail their relationship to you and how long they have known you as well as why you would be a good fit for this specific scholarship and internship. Letters must be signed, dated and not more than one year old.
- **Internship Agreement Form:** This will be emailed to you.
- **Profile Photo:** A recent profile photo of yourself in .jpg, .tiff, or .gif format. This does not have to be taken by a professional photographer but should be something you'd include on a resume.

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## Required Documents for all Special Scholarships (following sections)

- **Essay:** This essay should be specific to the details of the scholarship to which you are applying. It must include a description of your 1) personal and family history, 2) community/family involvement, 3) volunteer activities/awards, 4) your educational and life goals, and 5) state why you are an ideal candidate for this specific award. (500 word minimum)
- **Recent Resume** with employment history, extra-curricular school activities, volunteer/community service, awards/honors, and/or additional education/training. (2 page maximum)
- **Transcript:** Submit your most recent high school, GED, or college transcript (whichever is applicable). This **MUST** be followed up with an official transcript sent to KEF after your term is complete or by May 31. The official transcript must come 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](mailto:scholarships@koniageducation.org) through your school's secure electronic transcript delivery network (such as Parchment, eScript, National Student Clearinghouse, etc.). Official transcripts must be received by May 31 in order to receive your award if selected.
- **1 Letter of Recommendation:** LOR should be submitted by a teacher, faculty member, academic advisor, employer, or an activity leader who can support your qualifications for the specific scholarship you are applying for. Family members may not provide letters of recommendation. The recommender should detail their relationship to you, how long they have known you, and why you would be a good fit for this specific scholarship. Letters must be signed, dated and not more than one year old.
- **Profile Photo:** A recent profile photo of yourself in .jpg, .tiff, or .gif format. This does not have to be taken by a professional photographer but should be something you'd include on a resume.

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### TRANSPAC Alaska Scholarship

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

Deadline: Opens March 1 and closes June 1



**Summary:** The Trans-Pac Alaska Scholarship is available to shareholders and descendants due to the generous contribution of CEO and President Charles Kim, owner of Trans-Pac Alaska. Mr. Kim's visionary leadership has made Trans-Pac a successful log and lumber export company in the Pacific Northwest Forest industry for over 20 years.

Mr. Kim and Trans-Pac value Kodiak's people, having employed many through logging on Afognak Island. Giving back is a vital part of Trans-Pac Group and their aim is to contribute to the communities that have become part of their own. In addition to improving Kodiak's economy through employment, Trans-Pac has invested in the education of our people by donating the funds that make this scholarship possible.

#### Requirements:

- 3.0 minimum cumulative GPA
- Seeking degree in natural resources (e.g. forestry, fisheries, biology)
- Full-Time Student Status
- Meet all other [KEF eligibility requirements](#)



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## **Larry Matfay Cultural Heritage Scholarship**

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

**Deadline:** Open March 1 and closes 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 in order to revitalize Alutiiq culture and reestablish pride in heritage among Alutiiq people.

**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.

- 3.00 minimum cumulative GPA
- Pursuing a course of study that involves research and learning about Alutiiq culture.
- Full-time student status
- Meet all other [KEF eligibility requirements](#)

### **About Larry Matfay**

Larry Sava Matfay was born in 1907 in Akhiok, which was also the home of his parents, Pelagia Kejuk and Sava Matfay. Known as the last chief of Akhiok, he passed away in 1998. Mr. Matfay was a distinguished language and culture bearer, storyteller, trapper, reindeer herder, commercial fisherman, and community leader. He contributed to the revival of Alutiiq dance and to the exhibition project Looking Both Ways: Heritage and Identity of the Alutiiq People.

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## **Brent Parsons Memorial Scholarship**

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

**Deadline:** Opens March 1 and closes June 1

**Purpose:** In memory of long-serving Koniag Board Member

### **Requirements:**

- 3.0 minimum cumulative GPA
- Majoring in Finance and/or Accounting
- Full-time student status
- Meet all other [KEF eligibility requirements](#)

### **About Brent Parsons**

There are few forces in the world with the potential to positively impact a community so much as a single experienced, passionate and dedicated leader. A person like this gives selflessly of their time and their energy, and influences everything they touch. Brent Parsons was such a man. To honor Brent's memory and lasting impact to our Alutiiq people, Koniag and KEF are pleased to announce the Brent Parsons Memorial Scholarship.

Brent was a long-time partner in an audit firm and was integral in keeping Koniag a financially strong corporation. He drew on his vast knowledge of financial and accounting best practices to strengthen benefits for shareholders. Always a mentor, Brent worked with many of Koniag's board members and staff to help them realize their own potential. And as a life-long learner and recipient of a KEF scholarship, Brent understood and valued education.

There is a quote from the artist Makoto Fujimura that goes, “generative paths lead to resourcefulness, patience, and general creativity in life. They lead to cultural – and human – thriving.” Brent walked a generative path in everything he did, and through this scholarship for Koniag shareholders and descendants in the fields of Accounting and Finance, Brent’s legacy will thrive for our students as they pursue their own educational goals. We know that Brent will be looking down and smiling as future generations receive degrees and achieve their fullest potential.

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## **Glenn Godfrey Sr. Memorial Scholarship**

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

**Deadline:** Opens March 1 and closes June 1

**Purpose:** This scholarship was established to help our Alutiiq people pursue education in careers that exemplify positive leadership roles in community service and/or civic duty.

### **Requirements:**

- 3.00 minimum cumulative GPA
- Educational focus in community service and/or civic duty careers
- Has achieved sophomore class standing or higher
- Full-time student status
- Ability to demonstrate continued community service and/or civic duty roles
- Meet all other [KEF eligibility requirements](#)

### **About Glenn Godfrey**

This 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 11<sup>th</sup>.”

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.



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## Magnel Larsen Drabek Memorial Scholarship

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

**Deadline:** Opens March 1 and closes June 1

### Requirements:

- 3.00 minimum cumulative GPA
- Major in education, arts or cultural studies
- Full-time student status
- Meet all other [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, WA, 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 whom she was unable to care for at the time. Maggie made the difficult decision to give him up for adoption. Her son, Roger McCracken, 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.