

2022-23 KEF Scholarship Catalog

KEF offers merit-based scholarships to Koniag, Incorporated shareholders and registered descendants. These scholarships are competitive and are scored 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, please e-mail shareholderrecords@koniag.com or call (800) 658-3818.

General Information

- Award amounts 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.
- To be considered a full-time undergraduate student, you must be enrolled in a minimum of 4 classes/12 credits per term. To be considered a part-time undergraduate student, you must take a minimum of 2 classes/6 credits per term.
- Graduate students are deemed as a part-time student or full-time according to individual university requirements and specifications.
- 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.
- 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 from the scholarship deadline.

KEF General Scholarship

Award: Varies per school year; multiple recipients per year

Deadline: Open Dec. 15; Closes March 15: (Funding classes for following 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. Awards are announced by early June.

Requirements:

- 2.5 GPA minimum or equivalent
- Must have attained high school diploma or GED by May 31 of application year.
- Part-time undergraduate students must be enrolled in a minimum of 6 credits/2 classes per term; graduate students must be deemed as a part-time student according to individual university requirements.
- Full-time undergraduate students must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits/4 classes per term; graduate students must be deemed as a full-time student according to individual university requirement.
- 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, 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 spring term is complete (if currently enrolled). The official transcript must come directly from your educational institution either by having it mailed to 4141 B Street, Suite 201 Anchorage, AK 99503, or e-mailed to 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 in order to receive your award if selected.
- **1 Letter of Recommendation:** Letters must be signed, dated, and not more than one year old from the application deadline. (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.

KEF Spring Scholarship (NEW)

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

Deadline: Opens August 1 and closes October 1 annually.

Summary: This scholarship is for students who either didn't meet the March 15 deadline for the entire school year OR or just taking spring term classes. All the requirements are the same as for the KEF General Scholarship on page 2. Awards will be determined and announced by early November.

Step Up Scholarship (NEW)

Award: Up to \$4,800.00, multiple recipients per year. One-time award per student.

Deadline: Opens December 15 and closes March 15 annually.

Summary: This one-time scholarship is designed for students who do not currently have the required 2.5 cumulative high school or college cumulative grade point average (GPA). The student will have up to one academic year to bring their GPA into compliance in order to continue receiving funds through the KEF General Scholarship. If the student's cumulative GPA reaches a minimum of 2.5 by the end of the academic year, they may continue to reapply under the KEF General Scholarship. If the student does not achieve the required GPA during this time, they will not be eligible to apply for future KEF General Scholarships until they meet the minimum cumulative GPA required.

All the requirements are the same as for the KEF General Scholarship on page 2. Students may apply for this using the KEF General Scholarship but will have an extra essay question requirement. Applicant will explain why they do not currently meet the GPA requirement and the steps they will take in order to achieve the required GPA.

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 \$1,000.00.

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.

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 from the application date. 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.

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
- 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.**

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

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 4141 B Street, Suite 201, Anchorage, AK 99503, or e-mailed to 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 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 from the scholarship deadline.
- **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.

Special Scholarships

The following four scholarships will be awarded to the applicant with the highest overall score which is based on the combination of GPA, essay, resume, and letter of recommendation (If required). Students who qualify will be identified by KEF and notified individually if they are eligible. **No additional application is necessary.**

Requirements:

- 3.00 minimum cumulative GPA
- Has declared major that meets program requirement
- Sophomore standing or higher
- Full-time enrollment status
- Meet all other [KEF eligibility requirements](#)
- Award may be adjusted if student is only taking one term of classes.

1) Larry Matfay Cultural Heritage Scholarship

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

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.

For more Information About Larry Matfay, please visit <https://koniageducation.org/scholarships/larry-matfey-scholarship/>.

2) Brent Parsons Memorial Scholarship

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

Purpose: This award is In memory of long-serving Koniag Board Member.

Requirements: One student per year who is enrolled in an institution of higher learning and has a declared major in Finance and/or Accounting

For more information about Brent Parsons, please visit: <https://koniageducation.org/scholarships/brent-parsons-memorial-scholarship/>.

3) Glenn Godfrey Sr. Memorial Scholarship

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

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: One student per year who is enrolled in an institution of higher learning and has a declared major in criminal justice, sociology, public planning, or social work.

For more information about Glenn Godfrey, please visit: <https://koniageducation.org/scholarships/glenn-godfrey-scholarship/>.

4) Magnel Larsen Drabek Memorial Scholarship

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

Requirements: One student per year who is enrolled in an institution of higher learning and has a declared major in education, arts or cultural studies

For more information about Magnel "Maggie" E. Drabek, please visit <https://koniageducation.org/scholarships/magnel-larsen-drabek-scholarship/>.