



koniag education foundation

Empowering Alutiiq people to achieve their potential through education.

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Student Advisory Committee Applications are now open!

The KEF Board invites enthusiastic students to apply and help support the mission of KEF. This committee is comprised of (5-6) KEF Scholarship Recipients that would like to get involved with our programs and outreach.

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Student Spotlight



While attending school, Scott is involved with Alaska Native organizations on the UAA campus, such as Native Student Services and the Cama-I room. He is a resident advisor for the Rural Alaska First-Year Transitions (RAFT) and a Teacher Assistant (TA) for the Alaska Native Studies department at UAF. Snowboarding during the winter and participating in intramural sports such as basketball and volleyball keep him very busy.

Scott credits Koniag Education Foundation for providing a foundation for his academic career. "KEF has supported me throughout my post-secondary career and provided more opportunities than I imagined. Through these experiences, I have become aware of KEF's intentions to benefit and invest in students." His long-term plans

Scott Larionoff is in the second year of his Angayuk internship and is attending graduate school at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, where he is pursuing a Master's in Rural Development. His family history is deeply rooted in Old Harbor and he has lived in Old Harbor and Kodiak for most of his life. Scott describes that his connection to Kodiak impacted his choice of major, "I chose this field of study to pursue my desire to aid my hometown and surrounding villages. Rural Development is tailored towards developing rural Alaska and allows for the development of projects directly geared towards your community. The Rural Development program has a unique approach to studying with an Indigenous influenced paradigm, shying away from typical Western standards."

include completing his final year of his master's program and then working for Koniag, Inc. while beginning his Ph.D.

"Believe in yourself, as your presence as an Alaskan Native is monumental, and to understand that our ancestors would be proud" is Scott's advice to fellow students. "Our ancestors and elders endured some of the worst treatment, yet we are still here. Our people have survived so much and are still expressing the resilience we take pride in. You are the ancestors and elders to the next generations and passing on the strength and courage expressed by our people is one of the most beneficial aspects of being an Alaskan Native. We will continue to pass on our Native identity and express our strengths and capabilities through anything thrown at us."

Annual KGS AISES National Conference Sponsorship

Koniag Government Services is sponsoring four KEF students majoring in science, technology, engineering, or math to attend the 2022 American Indian Science & Engineering Conference on **October 6-8, 2022**, in Palm Springs, CA.



The conference includes the LARGEST college and career fair in the U.S. for Indigenous students and professionals!

Applications are open now at <https://koniag-education.smapply.org/>.

The deadline is **July 20**.

Have questions? Call or email us at (907) 562-9093 or kef@koniageducation.org. We're here to help!



Official Transcript Reminder

Students need to submit their official transcripts to KEF to receive their scholarships. Transcripts were due June 30. However, KEF will still accept them. Please note that the fall payment may be delayed.

- By mail: Koniag Education Foundation, 4141 B Street, Ste. 201 Anchorage, AK 99503 ATTN: Scholarship Manager
- By email: scholarships@koniageducation.org Attn: Lisa Thomsen, Scholarship Manager (Preferred method)

"Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom."

-George Washington Carver

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