



# koniag education foundation

*Enabling our Alutiiq people to achieve their potential through education.*

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## Join Our Team!

KEF is currently accepting applications for the position of Program Manager. We want to hear from you if you're committed to education and the success of our Koniag Shareholders and Descendants!

If you have a flair for social media that inspires others, this may be the position for you!

To learn more or apply, please visit our application portal by clicking [here!](#)

## Student Spotlight

A rising junior at Willamette University, Keelin Rice is studying for her bachelor's degree in Politics, Policy, Law, and Ethics with a minor in Environmental Science. Keelin's passion for Indigenous rights and the recent Indigenous Land Back movement have inspired her to seek a career practicing environmental law after she graduates.

"With every election, the land that the nation once fought so hard to protect continues to be auctioned off to the highest paying lumber or oil company. Since I am interested in law, I have a natural calling to do something about it", says Keelin.

As one of this year's awarded Koniag Angayuk Intern and Scholarship recipients, Keelin has shared her excitement about traveling to Anchorage and Kodiak to start her internship in May. She plans to learn as much as possible and spend time with her Kodiak family, which has been on the island for many years. Keelin shared that her great-grandfather, August Heitman established a fox farm on Long Island following the Katmai Eruption. As a tribal



citizen of the Sun'aq Tribe, she continues to strengthen her immediate family's relationship with the island.

#### Keelin's advice for fellow students?

**"Do your best, even if it doesn't result in a perfect score. As long as you do your best, you have every right to be proud in your work and of yourself."**

KEF is inspired by Keelin's passion for advocacy and can't wait to see what she accomplishes next.

## End of Academic Year Reminders

### Yay! You made it to the end of the academic year! What's next?

Please remember to order your official transcripts (that come directly from your college) to be sent to KEF. We need to receive them by **June 30**.

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

Are you a Native Village of Port Lions or Native Village of Afognak member? Consider applying for one (or both) of their scholarships through our [website](#). They are due **June 1**.

Make sure your address and email are current with KEF so you won't miss your award letters for the upcoming academic year, mailed out in early June.

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

## Attention Graduates!



Please send KEF your final transcript to complete your file. We'd also appreciate a picture of you at graduation or a photo with your diploma. Seeing your success will encourage others!

Koniag Inc. wants to celebrate your success with you too! Shareholders and Descendants who are graduating from preschool, high school, college, or anything in between, send your photos! Be sure to include the graduate's name, the school they are graduating from, the date of graduation, and any plans they may have.

KEF and Koniag will celebrate your accomplishment on Facebook and send you a certificate in Alutiiq!

Email your photos and information to [kef@koniageducation.org](mailto:kef@koniageducation.org) and CC [shareholderinfo@koniag.com](mailto:shareholderinfo@koniag.com).

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