



koniag education foundation

Empowering Alutiiq people to achieve their potential through education.

Thinking About Applying to Graduate School?

Check out this down-to-earth quick start guide written by one of our graduate students! Learn more about the process with helpful tips about applying to graduate school from KEF Student Isabella Chiaravolloti. Isabella has first-hand knowledge about what graduate applications consist of. She walks you through step-by-step instructions and a timeline she developed to help fellow students navigate the process.

[Learn more](#)

How to Apply to a Research-Based Grad Program



1. Getting Research Experience

3. Networking



2.

Establishing Your Statement of Purpose

4. Application Timelines



Mark Your Calendars For Important Dates and Scholarship Deadlines!

Are you interested in applying for school next fall? Make sure to apply for scholarships!

- November 15 – [Angayuk Scholarship/Internship Opens](#)
- December 2 – [Virtual Snack -n-Chat for KEF Students](#)
- December 15
 - [Virtual Scholarship Q & A for New & Returning Students](#)
 - [KEF General/Step-Up Scholarship Opens](#)
 - Fall Transcripts due from KEF General Students
 - [Change of School forms due](#)
- February 1 – KEF General Early Bird Deadline - receive an extra \$50 added to your scholarship
- March 15
 - [Angayuk Scholarship/Internship Closes](#)
 - [KEF General Closes](#)
 - [Step Up Scholarship Closes](#) - This one-time scholarship is designed for students who do not have the required 2.5 cumulative high school or college GPA. Students have up to one academic year to bring their GPA into compliance to continue receiving funds through the KEF General Scholarship.

The second application for special scholarships is no longer required. Students with the highest combined KEF General Application and GPA scores that qualify for each scholarship are identified by KEF.

KEF is here to empower Alutiiq people to achieve their potential through education. To learn more about scholarships or start an application, please visit us online today at

Board Spotlight

Alberta Jones

Dr. Alberta Jones is an Instructor/Field Supervisor at Western Washington University in the Woodring College of Education. She earned her Ph.D. in Indigenous Studies, with an emphasis on Research, from the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Alberta spent her career teaching middle and upper elementary school in Juneau, Alaska, and Silver Spring, Maryland. She coordinated many Western Science/Indigenous Knowledge camps, which was always a highlight of her work. She also coordinated multiple large grants. Alberta belongs to the Tsimshian Gishbudwada (Killer Whale) phratry. She is also Alutiiq-Sugpiaq, Russian, Hispanic, Norwegian, Swedish, Finish, Baltic, & German.

Alberta's mother, Corrine "Utchie" Sundberg Brown, is from Larsen Bay, and her grandmother Edith (Aga) Swan, is also from Kodiak. She was born and raised in Sitka, where her mother and auntie, Irene, attended Mt. Edgecumbe Boarding School.

Alberta enjoys teaching at the college level and has many years of successfully teaching and coaching students before postsecondary education. Her mantra is, "Education is opportunity." Her role of supporting and encouraging future teachers is important to her. She finds it essential to promote and support Indigenous students in pursuing and attaining doctoral degrees. Alberta believes we must grow our capacity by building Alaska Natives in leadership roles.

Alberta enjoys keeping up with politics with her husband. She enjoys time with family and now getting back on a healthy fitness track post-Covid by walking and biking. Mentally, she enjoys volunteer work with Koniag Education Foundation.

Alberta advises students to keep a calendar and schedule, be accountable for their coursework and deadlines, and not be afraid to ask for academic or mental support. Don't beat yourself up during this tenuous journey, have healthy outlets, keep your goal in sight, and have positive self-talk.



KEF Wishes You a Very Happy Thanksgiving!



Fun Friendsgiving Ideas for College Students

Not all college students can return home during the holidays. Students who remain at school during their Thanksgiving break can make the most of the fall season. One way to do this is by organizing a Friendsgiving.

[Learn more](#)



5 Ways for College Students to Make the Most of Their Holiday Break

The holiday season is one of the best times of the year. While it is an exciting time, it can sometimes make for a challenging transition.

[Learn more](#)

“One of the lessons that I grew up with was to always stay true to yourself and never let what somebody else says distract you from your goals.”

— Michelle Obama

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