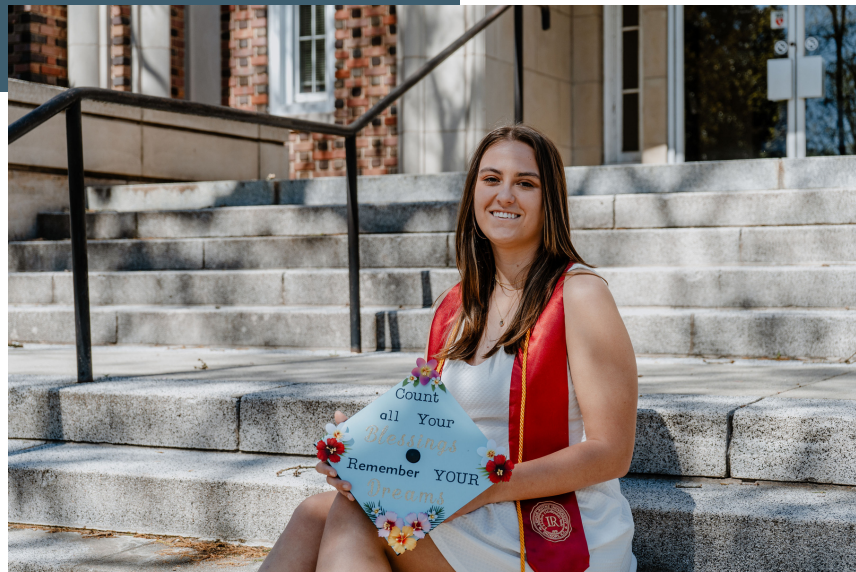




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INTRODUCTION

KEF offers merit-based scholarships to Koniag Shareholders and registered Descendants. These scholarships are competitive and are scored by the KEF Scholarship Committee. While all eligible applicants will receive funds, the amount applicants will receive will be based on their application score. Each portion of the application has a point value, including the students' GPA (except for Career Development and Vocational). Because KEF is a private nonprofit, IRS regulations require that all scholarships, vocational, and career development funds must be mailed directly to the institute where training is taking place. Please note this means KEF does not reimburse or send awards to students directly.

All applicants must be Koniag Shareholders or registered Descendants. If not a registered Descendant, applicant must submit a Shareholder Descendant application and be approved by Koniag Shareholder Records prior to any disbursement of award. The Descendant database form is located here <https://www.koniag.com/our-shareholders/records-forms/>. For more information, please e-mail shareholderinfo@koniag.com or call (800) 658-3818. If you are unsure if you are registered, please speak with Koniag Shareholder Services or KEF for assistance.



ELIGIBILITY

- Must be a Koniag Shareholder or registered Descendant (may be adopted). If not a registered Descendant, applicant must submit a Shareholder Descendant application and be approved by Koniag Shareholder Records prior to any disbursement of award. The Descendant database form is located here (<https://www.koniag.com/our-shareholders/records-forms/>). For more information, please e-mail shareholderinfo@koniag.com or call (800) 658-3818.
- Members of the Koniag Education Foundation Board of Directors and their immediate family members are not eligible to apply for KEF scholarships and grants.
- Must meet the GPA requirement which vary by award.
- Must be in good standing with KEF's other scholarship programs (e.g., provide transcripts and/or proof of completion as required).

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Award amounts vary annually depending upon availability of funds.
- Awarded funds are disbursed directly to the program or school and cannot be applied to accounts in arrears or directly to students.
- Online applications must be complete with all required documentation uploaded and submitted by the posted deadline. Incomplete/unsubmitted applications will not be considered.
- 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, the work you submit must be your own. It is not permissible for parents, guardians, etc. to apply on behalf of the student.
- 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 VS. PART-TIME STUDENTS

- 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, three-quarter time or full-time according to individual university requirements and specifications.



LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION (LOR'S)

The Scholarship Committee uses letters of recommendation (LOR's) to evaluate your potential for success and leadership in your field of study. LOR's 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.

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achieve their
potential through
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TRANSCRIPT REQUIREMENTS

Official Transcripts

When you apply for a KEF General or Spring Only scholarship, you will upload your most recent unofficial transcripts. These must be followed up by official transcripts (or a receipt showing you have ordered your official transcripts) by June 30 (or October 31 for Spring Only applicants) of each application year. If official transcripts aren't received by the deadline, funds may be forfeited.

Official transcripts must come to KEF directly from your educational institution (high school for incoming freshman). Most institutions allow transcripts to be emailed for a small fee through your school's secure electronic transcript delivery network (such as Parchment, eScript, National Student Clearinghouse, etc.), or sent via USPS (regular mail). If it is emailed from the school, they should be sent to scholarships@koniageducation.org. If it is sent through mail, send it to Koniag Education Foundation, 3800 Centerpoint Dr., Ste 702 Anchorage, AK 99503, ATTN Scholarship Manager.

Pass/No Pass Grading Systems

KEF uses an applicant's GPA following the 4.0 model for consideration of applicant eligibility and determining competitive annual awards. KEF recognizes that not all institutions use a standardized 4.0 model for GPA and tracking student progress and success. The KEF Standardized GPA Form (located under FORMS on our website) must be completed by a school representative with the authority to confirm that the student is completing work at or above the GPA level required. The official document may be submitted to KEF by the student or directly by the institution. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all documents are submitted to KEF by the stated deadline(s).

Unofficial Transcripts

Students must provide unofficial transcripts to KEF immediately after the completion of fall, and/or winter terms. No disbursement will occur until transcripts are received by KEF. Unofficial transcripts must be received within four weeks of the end of each term or the funds may be forfeited.

Unofficial transcripts can generally be accessed via a student's online school account without a fee and must be submitted at the end of fall and/or winter terms. Unofficial transcripts should be emailed to scholarships@koniageducation.org and must be attached to the email as a .pdf file. Any other file formats, such as copy and pasting into the email or screen shots will not be accepted.

*Note: Students are welcome to submit official transcripts for each term if they so choose.



KEF GENERAL

Award: Varies per school year; multiple recipients per year

Deadline: Opens December 15 and 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 an undergraduate or graduate degree through an accredited educational institution. These awards are announced in early June and disbursed to schools in early August.

Requirements:

- 2.5 GPA minimum or equivalent
- Attained high school diploma or GED by June 30 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:

The following documents must be submitted by the application deadline for consideration of this scholarship award:

- **Essay:** Your essay must include at least a paragraph on each of the following: Why are you a good candidate for this award? Include a brief personal and family history sharing how you are connected to Kodiak Island, your career and educational goals, and any community involvement/volunteer work you perform.
- **Returning KEF students must also include:**
 - a) What you've learned during the past school year, b) What were your challenges or setbacks and how did you overcome them, and c) How has receiving this scholarship impacted you the past year?



- **Recent Resume:** 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) no later than the scholarship deadline. This **MUST** be followed up with an official transcript sent to KEF after your spring term is complete (if currently enrolled). The official transcript must come **directly from your educational institution** either by having it mailed to 3800 Centerpoint Dr., Ste 702 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 that you'd use in a professional capacity.

KEF SPRING ONLY SCHOLARSHIP

Award: Varies per school year; multiple recipients per year

Deadline: Opens August 1 and closes October 31



Summary: This scholarship is for students who either didn't meet the March 15 deadline for the entire school year OR are only 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 and disbursed to schools by early January.

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:

The following documents must be submitted by the application deadline for consideration of this scholarship award:

- **Essay** (include at least one paragraph on each of the following): Why are you a good candidate for this award? Include a brief personal and family history sharing how you are connected to Kodiak Island, your career and educational goals, and any community involvement/volunteer work you perform.

- **Returning students must also include:** a) What you've learned during the past school year, b) What were your challenges or setbacks and how did you overcome them, and c) How has receiving this scholarship impacted you the past year?
- **Recent Resume:** 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) no later than the scholarship deadline. This **MUST** be followed up with an official transcript sent to KEF after your spring term is complete (if currently enrolled). The official transcript must come **directly from your educational institution** either by having it mailed to 3800 Centerpoint Dr., Ste 702 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 that you'd use in a professional capacity.

STEP UP SCHOLARSHIP

Award: Varies per school year; multiple recipients per year. One-time award per student

Deadline: Coincides with KEF General and Spring Only

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.

Requirements:

- Must have attained high school diploma or GED by June 30 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:

The following documents must be submitted by the application deadline for consideration of this scholarship award:

- **Essay:** Your essay must include at least a paragraph on each of the following:
 1. A brief personal and family history, including how you are connected to Kodiak Island.
 2. Career and educational goals.
 3. Community involvement/volunteer work.
 4. Explain why you do not currently meet the GPA requirement and the steps you will take in order to achieve the required GPA.
- **Recent Resume:** 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) no later than the scholarship deadline. This **MUST** be followed up with an official transcript sent to KEF after your spring term is complete (if currently enrolled). The official transcript must come **directly from your educational institution** either by having it mailed to 3800 Centerpoint Dr., Ste 702 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. Please see previous section regarding letters of recommendation for detailed information.
- **Profile Photo:** A recent profile photo of yourself that you'd use in a professional capacity.

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 short-term, non-degree programs such as licensing and certification trainings, seminars, workshops or other career advancing programs. Career Development Grants provide funding for non-degree seeking individuals.

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:

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

- **Essay:** Your essay must include at least a paragraph on each of the following:
 1. A brief personal and family history, including how you are connected to Kodiak Island..
 2. Career and life goals.
 3. How will this education will enhance your ability to find employment and/or improve current employment?
- **Recent Resume:** 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 that you'd use in a professional capacity.

VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

Award: Up to \$5,000.00; 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 awards provide funding for non-degree seeking individuals enrolled in an accredited vocational or technical programs and training.

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 2.50 or equivalent during the program.
- Applicant must demonstrate how the training will assist in gaining employment, job security and/or advancement.

Required Documents:

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

- **Essay:** Your essay must include: at least a paragraph on each of the following:
 1. A brief personal and family history including how you are connected to Kodiak Island..
 2. Career and life goals.
 3. Community involvement/volunteer activities.
 4. How will this education will enhance your ability to find employment and/or improve current employment.?
- **Recent Resume:** 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 that you'd use in a professional capacity.

KONIAG ANGAYUK SCHOLARSHIP & INTERNSHIP

Award: \$10,000 per academic year until graduation; multiple recipients per year

Deadline: Opens November 15 and closes February 15



Purpose: Koniag has established an internship/scholarship program to seek out Koniag's best and brightest Shareholders and Descendants to intern in Koniag's offices or subsidiaries. Students who successfully participate in the internship will receive renewed funding of \$10,000 each year until graduation, provided they successfully complete the annual summer internships, maintain full-time student status, and a minimum of a 3.0 cumulative GPA. 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 who wish to be part of the Koniag family. Students majoring in business, finance, accounting, environmental engineering, or computer and IT are strongly encouraged to apply.

Special Requirements: To qualify, students must be attending as a full-time student of sophomore level or higher, have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0, agree to intern in any one of Koniag's offices or subsidiaries each summer while they are enrolled in their degree program, and be willing to relocate for a period of six to 10 weeks during the summer months.

Required Documents:

- **Two-Part Essay:** In first part of your essay, include 1) A brief personal and family history including how you are connected to Kodiak Island, 2) Description of your community involvement and/or volunteer activities, and 3) Educational and career goals. The second part is the "qualifications summary", Talk about where and why you would like to intern, the more specific you are, the better! For information on Koniag's subsidiaries, visit: <https://www.koniag-gs.com/companies/>. Lastly, discuss the qualities that make you an ideal candidate for this internship.
- **Recent Resume:** 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 June 30. The official transcript must come **directly from your educational institution** either by having it mailed to 3800 Centerpoint Dr., Ste 702 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 by June 30 in order to receive your award if selected.
- **2 Letters of Recommendation:** LOR's 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, 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**
- **Profile Photo:** A recent profile photo of yourself that you'd use in a professional capacity.



SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

(following sections)

The following special scholarships no longer require an additional application. The scholarships will be awarded to the KEF General Scholarship applicants who have the highest combined KEF General application, GPA scores, and meet the individual program criteria. The students who qualify will be identified by KEF and notified individually. No additional application is necessary. Please note that if you **do not** indicate a major, you will not be considered for these scholarships.





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 Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math (STEM). Funding of scholarships is limited to undergraduate studies.



ALYESKA PIPELINE

Award: Varies

Deadline: Open December 15 and closes March 15

No additional application is necessary

- Security
- Health
- Safety
- Environment
- Quality Control
- 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.**

LARRY MATFAY CULTURAL HERITAGE SCHOLARSHIP

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

No additional application necessary

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 enrollment 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.





BRENT PARSONS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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

No additional application necessary

Purpose:

In memory of long-serving Koniag Board Member.

Requirements:

- 3.0 minimum cumulative GPA
- Majoring in Finance and/or Accounting
- Upperclassman preferred
- Full-time enrollment 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.

GLENN GODFREY SR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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

No additional application necessary



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 enrollment 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 11th."

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, the ANSCA regional corporation for Kodiak, and was named "Citizen of the Year" by the Alaska Federation of Natives in 1999.

MAGNEL LARSEN DRABEK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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

No additional application necessary

Purpose:

This scholarship was established to help our Alutiiq people pursue education in the fields of education, arts, and/or cultural studies.

Requirements:

- 3.00 minimum cumulative GPA
- Major in education, arts or cultural studies
- Full-time enrollment 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.



KEF SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES

Timeline of Annual Deadlines



FEBRUARY 1

- KEF General Scholarship Early Bird Deadline

FEBRUARY 15

- Koniag Angayuk Scholarship/Internship closes

MARCH 1

- NVA Scholarship Opens
- NVOPL Scholarship Opens
- TNV Scholarship Opens

MARCH 15

- KEF General Scholarship closes
- KEF Step-Up Scholarship closes

JUNE 1

- Native Village of Afognak (NVA) Ag'wanermiut Liitut closes
- Native Village of Port Lions (NVPL) Rhea Mae Knagin closes
- Margaret "Agnguarta" Roberts Memorial (TNV) Scholarship closes

JUNE 30

- Official Transcripts Due for all KEF students

AUGUST 15

- Change of School forms due

OCTOBER 31

- Spring Only/Step-Up Scholarship closes
- Official Transcripts due for Spring Only students

NOVEMBER 15

- Koniag Angayuk Scholarship/Internship Opens

DECEMBER 15

- KEF General Scholarship/Step-Up Opens
- Transcripts due for continuing KEF General Students
- Change of School forms due

NO DEADLINE:

- Career Development
- Vocational Scholarship