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**KONIAG
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SCHOLARSHIP
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INTRODUCTION

KEF offers merit-based scholarships to Voting 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 will be based on their application score. Each application portion 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 be mailed directly to the institute where training occurs. Please note that this means KEF does not reimburse or send awards to students directly.

All applicants must be Voting Koniag Shareholders or registered Descendants. If not a registered Descendant, the applicant must submit a Shareholder Descendant application and be approved by Koniag Shareholder Records before any award disbursement. The Descendant database form is located at <https://www.koniag.com/our-shareholders/records-forms/> For more information, please e-mail kef@koniageducation.org 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, the applicant must submit a Shareholder Descendant application and be approved by Koniag Shareholder Records before award disbursement. The Descendant database form is <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 varies 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 for spelling, grammar, punctuation, and formatting. While it is permissible to have someone else proofread your work before 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.
- Special Scholarships have additional requirements for the field of study which must be met.
- Scholarships administered on behalf of our partners also have additional eligibility requirements detailed in the description of each award.

FULL-TIME VS. PART-TIME STUDENTS

- To be considered a full-time undergraduate student, you must enroll in at least 4 classes/12 credits per term. To be considered a part-time undergraduate student, you must take at least 2 classes/6 credits per term.
- Graduate students are deemed part-time, three-quarter-time, or full-time according to individual university requirements



LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION (LOR'S)

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

Letter requirements:

- * Be from a teacher, faculty member, academic advisor, current/former employer, mentor, or an activity leader who knows you well and can reflect on your character, academic, scholastic, leadership ability, and potential for success in your chosen career field. Letters from family members are not accepted.
- * Recommender should explain their relationship to you and how long they have known you.
- * All letters must be signed and dated by the recommender.
- * Can not be more than one year old.

If any of these items are missing, you will receive 50% fewer points, reducing your award.

**Empowering
Alutiiq people to
achieve their
potential through
education.**



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) each application year. Funds may be forfeited if official transcripts aren't received by the deadline.

Official transcripts must come to KEF directly from your educational institution (high school for incoming freshmen). 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, it should be sent to scholarships@koniageducation.org. If mailed, send it to Koniag Education Foundation, 194 Alimaq Dr., Kodiak, AK 99615, ATTN Scholarship Manager.

Pass/No Pass Grading Systems

KEF uses an applicant's GPA following the 4.0 model to consider applicant eligibility and determine competitive annual awards. KEF recognizes that not all institutions use a standardized 4.0 model for GPA and tracking student progress and success. The Standardized GPA Form found here: <https://koniageducation.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/KEF-Standardized-GPA-Form.pdf> (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. The applicant must submit all documents to KEF by the stated deadline(s).

Unofficial Transcripts

Students must provide unofficial transcripts to KEF immediately after completing fall and/or winter terms. No disbursement will occur until KEF receives transcripts. 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 copying and pasting into email or screenshots, will not be accepted.

*Note: Students are welcome to submit official transcripts for each term if they 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 cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher 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 cumulative GPA minimum or equivalent
- Attained high school diploma or GED by June 30 of the 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 according to individual university requirements
- Full-time undergraduate students must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits/4 courses 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 one paragraph on each of the following. An essay is required for all scholarships. The essay should be written specifically for the scholarship you are applying for and include the following:
 - a) Understanding Alutiiq Heritage is very important in forming your cultural identity. Please share your cultural or family history and/or connection to Kodiak Island. This is a good opportunity to reach out to family members to learn more about your family history.
 - b) What attributes do you have that make you a good candidate for this scholarship?

- c) What are your career and educational goals?
- d) Share an example of how you have participated in or contributed to your family and/or community.

Returning KEF students must also choose ONE of the following topics and elaborate so our committee can continue to get to know you as you progress in your education.

- What have you learned this past year convinced you that you are on the correct educational path?
- The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Share a challenge, failure, or setback. How did it affect you, what did you learn from the experience, and what was the outcome?
- Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
- How might the work you hope to do one day support the Alutiiq/Sugpiaq people or communities?
- **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 by June 30. The official transcript must come **directly from your educational institution** either by having it mailed to 194 Alimaq Dr. Kodiak, AK 99615, or e-mailed to scholarships@koniageducation.org through your school's secure electronic transcript delivery network (such as Parchment, National Student Clearinghouse, etc.). Official transcripts are required to receive your award if selected.
- **1 Letter of Recommendation:** Please read instructions on page 3.
- **Profile Photo:** A recent headshot photo

KEF SPRING & SUMMER ONLY SCHOLARSHIPS

Award: Varies per school year; multiple recipients per year

Deadlines: Spring - Opens August 1 and closes October 31 & Summer opens January 1 and closes April 1



Summary: This scholarship is for students only taking spring and/or summer term classes. The requirements are similar to those of the KEF General Scholarship on page 2.

Awards will be determined and announced by early November and May, respectively.

Requirements:

- 2.5 cumulative GPA minimum or equivalent
- Must have attained a high school diploma or GED by May 31 of the 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 students 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 students 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):
 - a. Understanding Alutiiq Heritage is very important in forming your cultural identity. Please share your cultural or family history and/or connection to Kodiak Island.

- b. What attributes do you have that make you a good candidate for this scholarship?
- c. What are your career and educational goals?

d. Share an example of how you have participated in or contributed to your family and/or community.

- **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 by June 30. The official transcript must come **directly from your educational institution** either by having it mailed to 194 Alimaq Dr. Kodiak, AK 99615, 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 to receive your award if selected.
- **1 Letter of Recommendation:** Please read instructions on page 3.
- **Profile Photo:** A recent headshot photo

STEP UP SCHOLARSHIP

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

Deadline: Coincides with KEF General

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 to continue receiving funds through the KEF General Scholarship. If the student's cumulative GPA reaches a minimum of 2.5, they may continue reapplying to 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 a high school diploma or GED by June 30 of the 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 at least 12 credits/4 classes per term; graduate students must be deemed full-time according to individual university requirements.
- 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. Understanding Alutiiq Heritage is very important in forming your cultural identity. Please share your cultural or family history and/or connection to Kodiak Island.
 2. What attributes do you have that make you a good candidate for this award?
 3. What are your career and educational goals?
 4. Share an example of how you have participated in or contributed to your family and/or community.
 5. Explain why you do not currently meet the GPA requirement and the steps you will take 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 by June 30. The official transcript must come directly from your educational institution either by having it mailed to 194 Alimaq Dr. Kodiak, AK 99615, 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 to receive your award if selected.
- **1 Letter of Recommendation**
Please read instructions on page 3.
- **Profile Photo:** A recent headshot photo.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT GRANT

Award: Up to \$1,000; multiple recipients per year. Limit of two (2) CDGs 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 vocational training. Vocational awards fund non-degree-seeking individuals enrolled in accredited vocational or technical programs and training.

Requirements: Any qualified student accepted to or enrolled in an accredited 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 for 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 or your family are connected to Kodiak Island.
2. Career and life goals.
3. How will this education 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)

Proof of Cost of Program: An invoice and/or cost of attendance from the school/training program.

Profile Photo: A recent headshot photo of yourself.

VOCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT

Award: Up to \$5,000; multiple recipients per year.

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 training, seminars, workshops, or other career-advancing programs. Career Development Grants provide funding for non-degree-seeking individuals.



We are excited to share that Leisnoi, Inc. is now matching TNV's Vocational Scholarship award of \$5,000 for eligible applicants. This opportunity is available to students who are enrolled Tribal Citizens of TangirnaqNative Village and Leisnoi Shareholders. Leisnoi also requires a stock will on file before receiving its matching award. Eligible students may receive up to \$10,000 total in vocational scholarship support through this combined funding opportunity.

Requirements: Any qualified student accepted to or enrolled in a career development course 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 for 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 or your family are connected to Kodiak Island.
2. Career and life goals.
3. How will this education enhance your ability to find employment and/or improve your current employment?

Letter of Recommendation: Please read instructions on page 3.

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 headshot photo of yourself.

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 and KEF have established an internship/scholarship program to seek out KEF's best and brightest students to intern at Koniag and its subsidiaries to identify, cultivate, and encourage future leaders interested in joining the Koniag family. Scholarship recipients are awarded an annual scholarship of \$10,000 until the completion of their degree. This award allows students to gain valuable work-related experience for a 6-to-10-week period during the summers. 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 full-time as sophomore-level or higher students, have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0, agree to intern in any one of Koniag's offices or subsidiaries each summer while enrolled in their degree program, and be willing to relocate for six to ten weeks during the summer months.

Required Documents:

1) Applicant Essay & Qualification Summary:

In your essay, include:

- a) A brief personal history, including how you and/or your family are connected to Kodiak Island.
- b) A description of your community involvement and/or volunteer activities.
- c) Educational and career goals and how they align with working for Koniag in the future.

Qualifications Summary:

- a) Talk about which Koniag sector you're most interested in interning for and why. Choose from Government Contracting, Commercial IT, Energy & Water, Real Estate, or In-Region Investments. The more specific you are, the better. For information on Koniag's sectors and subsidiaries, visit: <https://www.koniag.com/our-investments/portfolio/>.

- b) Discuss the qualities that make you an ideal candidate for this internship.

2. **Recent Resume** with employment history, school activities, volunteer/community service, awards/honors, and additional education/training. (2 pages maximum)

3. Recent Transcript:

Upload a copy of your most recent unofficial transcripts. You must also provide an official transcript sent to KEF directly from your educational institution by the end of your spring term by June 30. Official transcripts can either be emailed directly from your college to KEF to scholarships@koniageducation.org (preferred) or mailed directly to Koniag Education Foundation 194 Alimaq Drive, Kodiak, AK 99615

4. **Two Letters of Recommendation:** Please read the requirements on page 3. The letters must also reference the applicant's suitability for this internship. You will receive fewer points if you submit a generic recommendation letter.

5. **Profile Photo:** A recent headshot.



SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIPS (following sections)

The following special scholarships do not require an additional application. The scholarships will be awarded to the KEF General Scholarship applicants with the highest combined KEF General application and cumulative grade point average scores and meeting the individual program criteria. The students who qualify will be identified by KEF and notified individually. No additional application is necessary. **Please note that you will not be considered for these scholarships if you do not indicate a major on your application.**





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 of providing partial monetary support to Alaska Natives for training, education, and internships needed in preparation for careers with Alyeska, the Trans Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS), or other oil industry-related jobs. This funding is strategically focused on increasing the pool of qualified Alaska Native applicants in specific job categories.

The Alyeska program is an in-house matching scholarship. KEF will identify students who qualify and notify them individually if they are eligible.

LARRY MATFAY CULTURAL HERITAGE SCHOLARSHIP

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

No additional application is 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 Alutiiq culture to revitalize Alutiiq culture and reestablish pride in heritage among the 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, the home of his parents, Pelagia Kejuk and Sava Matfay. He was known as the last chief of Akhiok and 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 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 is 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 is 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 to post commander for Western Alaska in Bethel, where he was instrumental in developing 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 rescue, 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 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 is necessary

Purpose:

This scholarship was established to help our Alutiiq people pursue degrees in 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 decommissioned the aircraft carrier Bonhomme Richard after World War II. 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. Before her work in Kodiak schools, she served as a “forelady” for several prominent fish processors. Maggie’s family remembers that 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 at 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 she could not 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 by creating a memorial scholarship fund to support education, arts, and cultural studies students.

Maggie passed away in 1990. Her memory 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



JANUARY 1

Summer Only Scholarship Opens

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

APRIL 1

Summer Only 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