

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

DEADLINES:

March 15th: Academic, Basic, Vocational classes beginning in Summer Term

June 1st: Academic, Basic, Vocational classes beginning in Fall Term

August 10th: Godfrey, Matfay, and Alyeska Scholarship Applications

TO HELP OUR PEOPLE
ACHIEVE THEIR
POTENTIAL
THROUGH EDUCATION

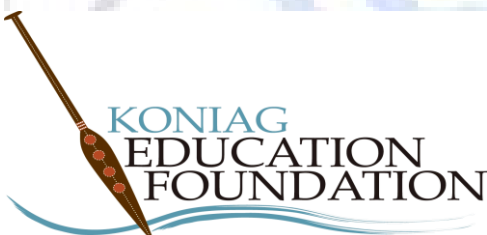


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MISSION STATEMENT

SOME TIPS!

The KEF Scholarship Review Committee is made up of three members who read through each application and score the following parts of each application based on an established scoring scale. Therefore, you are competing with other students for the largest scholarship amount possible. Since KEF scholarships are not need-based, and they are completely merit-based, it is a good idea to make sure that you spend time on your essay (letter of application), work to keep your GPA up, and make sure that your application is complete and mailed in prior to the scholarship deadline. Here are the areas that the Scholarship Review Committee scores when they read your application in order of importance:

- ❖ GPA – this can account for up to 50% of your score for some applications
- ❖ Letter of Application – this can account for up to 30% of your score
- ❖ Letters of Recommendation – this can account for 30% of your score
- ❖ Resume – your resume can account for up to 10% of your score.



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APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

NEW STUDENTS -

All new students must submit a complete application package to receive consideration for a scholarship or grant -all blanks on the application form must be filled in and all required materials must be **postmarked** by the deadline. A complete application package for new applicants consists of:

Proof of Eligibility: All Alaska Natives enrolled under Section 5 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to the Koniag Region and direct or legally adopted descendants of those original enrollees are eligible for this scholarship. *You must include* the Koniag shareholder enrollment number that entitles you to a Koniag Education Foundation scholarship or grant.

Application Form: A completed, signed and dated Scholarship Application.

Essay: (300-600 words) Your essay (letter of application) *must be worded in the form of a Thank You Letter* and should include: **Your personal and family history; your community involvement and volunteer activities; and your educational and life goals.** FOR EXAMPLE:

“To Koniag Education Foundation My name is _____. I was born and raised in _____. Because of your financial assistance, I have been able to pursue my goals of _____. I am studying _____. I have been active in my community by volunteering for the _____ for the past years. Thank you for the funding you have provided to help me through my _____ studies.” - This is just an example – feel free to change the format to fit your personal style. The reason that we ask for a “thank you” letter format is so that we can share your successes with our large donors who give money to KEF to help to fund your educations!

Transcript: high school or college transcript (whichever is applicable.) **NOTE: Transcripts can be UNOFFICIAL, but you MUST submit OFFICIAL copies before your check will be mailed.**

References: Two letters of recommendation (*only needed from NEW students*) from persons who know your potential (such as a high school or college instructor, employer or former employer, village/town leader, clergy, etc.). Letters should address your character, potential to succeed, and may address your educational and professional goals. Please do not include letters from relatives.

Proof of Acceptance: Letter of acceptance (*only needed from new students*) from the school or program you plan to attend.

Photo: In your application packet, please include a photo of yourself on CD or e-mail it to scholarships@koniageducation.org.

A recent resume: Please include a resume with employment information and activities/honors.

A Koniag Descendant Database form: This form is a requirement only once – to be included in Koniag’s descendant database. You may download the form at www.koniag.com or our KEF website.

All applications are available from KEF or on the website at:
www.koniageducation.org

CONTINUING STUDENTS:

Continuing students (those who received a scholarship in the prior year), are required to fill out the sections of the application that have updates, as well as submitting their updated letter of application, updated resume and transcripts – postmarked by the deadline. A complete application for continuing students consists of:

Application Form: Continuing students should complete sections of the scholarship application that have changed – addresses, school financial aid office, email, year in school, field of study. A completed, signed and dated Scholarship Application is necessary for KEF to send your award letter and funding to the correct location. Information that is not updated could result in a delay or forfeit of your award.

Essay: (300-600 words) Continuing students should update their essay (letter of application) - *worded in the form of a Thank You Letter* and should include: Updates to your volunteer and community service activities as well as your educational and life goals.

-For Example, “To Koniag Education Foundation, My name is _____. I was born and raised in _____. Because of your financial assistance, I have been able to pursue my goals of _____. I am studying _____. Thank you for the funding you have provided to help me through my _____ studies.” - This is just an example – feel free to change the format to fit your personal style. You could consider questions such as “What has this scholarship enabled you to do?” The reason that we ask for a “thank you” letter format is so that we can share your successes with our large donors who give money to KEF to help to fund your educations!

Transcript: Continuing students should submit their most recent transcripts with their applications.
NOTE: Transcripts can be UNOFFICIAL, but you MUST submit OFFICIAL copies before your check will be mailed.

Photo: In your application packet, please include a photo of yourself on CD or e-mail it to scholarships@koniageducation.org.

A recent resume: Please include a resume with employment information and activities/honors.

Please do not staple, paperclip, or bind any documents together
ALL ITEMS LISTED IN YOUR SECTION ABOVE SHOULD BE SENT DIRECTLY TO:

Koniag Education Foundation
4241 B Street, Suite 303 B
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

DEADLINES: Each Academic year, all applications must be **POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE:**

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June 1st: Academic, Basic, and Vocational classes beginning in the fall
August 10th: Godfrey, Matfay, and Alyeska scholarships

As the budget allows, KEF will hold November/ December
deadlines for winter semester funding – you can check our website
or newsletter to learn more about this deadline!

RECIPIENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

Participation in the Student Mentorship Program – The Mentorship Program pairs underclassmen with upperclassmen at their school or in a similar major with the purpose of encouraging student successes through this peer-to-peer mentorship – email, study groups, etc.

Grade point average: Students must maintain the following grade point averages. Falling below the GPA in your category will result in probation:

- Undergraduate-Academic & Graduate Students: 3.00 GPA.
- Godfrey and Matfay Students: 2.5 GPA.
- Undergraduate Basic and Vocational: 2.00 GPA.
- GED: For the purpose of determining Grade Point Averages, a General Education Diploma equals a 2.00 Grade Point Average.

Probation: If a student's GPA falls below the minimum in the category in which they applied for any funding period, the student will be placed on probation for one semester/quarter and they will receive notice. If the GPA increases the following semester/quarter, and is still below the minimum stated above, the student may continue on probation for an additional term. Funding will be cancelled for any student who fails to maintain the established minimum GPA at the end of two consecutive terms. Probation does not disqualify future scholarships.

Transcripts:

- **At the end of each semester or quarter, recipients of scholarships/ grants must send unofficial transcripts or progress reports to the Foundation before the next portion of the award will be mailed. A student's scholarship will be forfeited if a transcript is not received by KEF at the end of each term within six (6) weeks of the end of that term.**
- No second semester or quarter checks will be issued until transcripts are received by the Foundation and minimum GPA is verified.
- Notify the Foundation immediately if you change your mailing address, school or enrollment status.
- IRS -Students are responsible for IRS taxes on any scholarship money used for purposes other than tuition, fees, books and materials. Ask the IRS for form 1099.

Reapply: ***Students must reapply each year for a scholarship for the next school year.***

Disbursement of Funds: Grants and scholarships are disbursed by KEF directly to the recipient's school. Awards will be paid out in equal amounts over the number of terms the student anticipates attending school in any one year, up to four terms per year. Any funds not used by the recipient will be returned to the Foundation. Written notice of award results will be mailed to each applicant within 60 days of application deadline.

Student Categories:

- **New students** are first-time applicants for the Koniag Education Foundation scholarship.
- **First time adult applicants** are those applicants who have been out of school three (3) or more years. These students may apply for up to \$1,000.00 initially, and once GPA is established, apply for up to \$2,500.00 the next academic year.
- **Continuing students** are those who received a KEF scholarship within the last year.

All applications are available from KEF or on the website at:
www.koniageducation.org

AWARD CATEGORIES:

KEF offers the scholarships listed below. Students should select the scholarships for which they would like to be considered.

- UNDERGRADUATE/GRADUATE & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP (awards up to \$2,500)

Eligibility: Any qualified applicant who is accepted to or enrolled in an accredited institute and has completed high school or received their GED who maintains a min. cumulative GPA of 3.00

- UNDERGRADUATE -BASIC SCHOLARSHIP (awards up to \$1,000)

Eligibility: Any qualified applicant who is accepted to or enrolled in an accredited institute and has completed high school or received their GED who maintains a min. cumulative GPA of 2.00

- VOCATIONAL EDUCATION GRANT (awards up to \$2,500)

Eligibility: Any qualified student who is accepted to or enrolled in an accredited vocational school and maintains a min. cumulative GPA of 2.00 as well as demonstrating how the training will assist in gaining employment or advancement.

OTHER KEF SCHOLARSHIPS

All students who qualify for the above mentioned scholarships may also apply (in addition) for the following scholarships, should they meet the criteria:

➤ **LARRY MATFAY CULTURAL HERITAGE SCHOLARSHIP (awards up to \$1,000)**

DEADLINE: Materials must be postmarked by August 10th

Eligibility: 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 in which the applicant is pursuing a course of study that involves research and learning about Alutiiq culture.** Must maintain a GPA of 2.5 or better.

➤ **GLENN GODFREY, SR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (awards up to \$5,000)**

DEADLINE: Materials must be postmarked by August 10.

Eligibility: Applicants must be eligible for KEF scholarships and have **demonstrated community service and civic duty.** Applicants must have and maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 or better. Glenn Godfrey, Sr. is recognized in Kodiak, Alaska, the Pacific Northwest, and across the nation for his sensible, even handed, and inspired leadership. The Glenn Godfrey Sr. Memorial Scholarship recognizes Glenn's desire to foster young people's leadership skills. The Godfrey family and Koniag, Inc. challenge young people to commit themselves to excellence and service.

➤ **CAREER DEVELOPMENT GRANT (awards up to \$1000) – separate application**

Eligibility: Any qualified individual who is accepted to or enrolled in a career development course, lasting less than six weeks in length and can demonstrate how the training will assist the student in gaining employment or job security and/or advancement. *There is a limit of a maximum award of \$1000.00 per year. (You may apply for \$400.00 to pay for a 6-pack license, and then apply for \$600.00 for a CPR certificate, etc)* **Application is one page form available online at www.koniageducation.org**

Number and Amount of Awards: The number and amount of scholarships/ grants awarded each year is dependent upon:

- 1.Number of eligible applicants - larger numbers of students may result in smaller awards per student.
- 2.Quality of the applications - as student GPAs increase, they are eligible for more funding.
- 3.The availability of funds – KEF is funded through our investment assets and through donations.

Forfeiture of Awards: *A student's scholarship or grant will be forfeited if a transcript is not received by KEF at the end of each semester/quarter within six (6) weeks of the end of that term.*

CURRENT EDUCATION

What year did you last attend school? 19/20_____ In what year did you graduate from H.S. or earn your GED? 19/20 _____
For how many quarters or semesters (circle one) have you received a KEF scholarship or grant? _____

Class level: _____ Freshman (I have 0-29 college credits)_____ Sophomore (I have 30-59 college credits)
_____ Junior (I have 60-89 college credits) _____ Senior (I have 90+ college credits)

Current cumulative grade point average (for those who have been in school within the past three years): High School _____
College/Vocational _____

ELIGIBILITY

Indicate your eligibility for a Koniag Education Foundation scholarship or grant by checking the appropriate box. NOTE: "Shareholder" is an Alaska Native enrolled under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971. "Descendant" means that you are a direct descendant of a Shareholder: a child, grandchild, great grandchild, etc. (biological or adopted).

_____ I am a Shareholder in Koniag Inc. _____ I am a Descendant of a Koniag, Inc. Shareholder
Name of Shareholder _____

Koniag Shareholder is my (check one): _____ Myself _____ Parent _____ Grandparent _____ Great grandparent _____ Great great grandparent

Koniag Inc. Enrollment Number: _____
(You must include your Koniag enrollment number or the number of the Shareholder from whom you descended.)

EMPLOYMENT & ACTIVITIES:

PLEASE ATTACH A CURRENT RESUME WITH EMPLOYMENT HISTORY, SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, HONORS, AWARDS, ADDITIONAL EDUCATION/TRAINING, ETC

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM:

KEF is working to help students stay in school and succeed in their studies and educational goals by networking students with one another through a mentorship program. The purpose of this program is to decrease drop-out rates and encourage student retention in school by giving underclassmen access to the tools and programs at their schools and in their cities that can help them to succeed.

All KEF scholarship recipients (with the exception of Career Development) must agree to participate in the Mentorship Program – as a mentee (underclassmen) or as a mentor (upperclassmen and graduates).

Participation in the mentorship program will not be time-intensive and is intended to be a benefit to you as students, through activities including communicating via email, participation in a KEF networking website, group meetings, study groups, and campus events.

Once you have applied for funding with KEF, and been awarded a scholarship, you will be contacted by KEF’s Program Manager to determine your participation in the program. Students who refuse participation will not receive future funding from KEF.

Please sign below to participate in the program and note the medium through which you wish to be contacted.
Thank you all for your encouragement of one another!

Name Signature Date

I prefer to be contacted by:

Email: _____,

Address: _____
_____, and/or

Phone: _____.

Checklist

Please use the following checklist as a guide when completing your application packet.

All items in the checklist must be submitted for a complete application.

FIRST TIME APPLICANTS (did not receive funding last year). CHECKLIST:

- **COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM:** All questions/lines on application must be FILLED OUT, if a question does not apply to you, please write “N/A” instead of leaving a blank. Don’t forget to sign the bottom of this page!
- **Essay:** Please submit a 300-600 word essay in the form of a Thank You about your background, educational goals, your work history and/or achievements. Remember – community service and volunteering add points to your score!
- **Transcript:** You must submit a transcript with your application. The transcript CAN BE UNOFFICIAL, however, you MUST submit an OFFICIAL, SEALED TRANSCRIPT before your scholarship check will be sent to your school.
- **Letters of Recommendation:** Two (2) letters of recommendation are required. The letters can be from instructors, employers, pastors, family friends, etc. No letters from relatives will be accepted.
- **Letter of Acceptance:** FOR FIRST TIME APPLICANTS ONLY: A letter of acceptance from the school you wish to attend stating that you are accepted for enrollment.
- **Resume:** Please provide a recent resume with employer information and/or current activities, awards received, community involvement, etc.
- **Photo:** In your packet, include a photo of yourself on CD or e-mail it to scholarships@koniageducation.org
- **Descendant Database Form:** This form is only required once and can be found at www.koniag.com.

CONTINUING APPLICANTS (received funding from KEF in the prior year) CHECKLIST:

- **COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM:** You can write “same” if the information has not changed from your prior year’s application. Don’t forget to sign the bottom of this page!
- **Essay:** Please update your 300-600 word essay about: you, your background, your educational goals, your work history and/or achievements. Please word this letter as a “Thank You” letter.
- **Transcript:** Please submit a transcript with your application. The transcript CAN BE UNOFFICIAL, however, you MUST submit an OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT before your scholarship check will be sent to your school.
- **Resume:** Please update your resume
- **Photo:** In your packet, include a photo of yourself on CD or e-mail it to scholarships@koniageducation.org

FIRST TIME ADULT APPLICANTS (THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN OUT OF SCHOOL 3 OR MORE YEARS) PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING CHECKLIST:

- **COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM:** All questions/lines on application must be FILLED OUT, if a question does not apply to you, please write “N/A” instead of leaving it blank. Don’t forget to sign the bottom of this page!
- **Essay:** Please submit a 300-600 word essay about: you, your background, your educational goals, your work history and/or achievements. Please word the essay as a “Thank You” letter.
- **Letters of Recommendation:** Two (2) letters of recommendation are required. The letters can be from instructors, employers, pastors, family friends, etc. Please do not submit letters from relatives.
- **Letter of Acceptance:** FOR FIRST TIME APPLICANTS ONLY: A letter of acceptance from the school you wish to attend stating that you are accepted for enrollment.
- **Resume:** Please provide a recent resume with employer information and/or current activities, awards received, community involvement, etc.
- **Photo:** In your packet, include a photo of yourself on CD or e-mail it to scholarships@koniageducation.org.

AUTHORIZATION

I, _____, give my consent that the educational institution I am attending may release information to the Koniag Education Foundation regarding my progress as a student now and beyond the period of my scholarship award. This information may include, but is not limited to: major, year of completion, grades, GPA, degree/certificate seeking/received. I understand this information is a condition for receipt of scholarship funds. Any photos that I submit may be used by Koniag, Incorporated, or Koniag Education Foundation for promotional purposes. My signature below also certifies that to the best of my knowledge the information given is true and correct. If any significant changes occur on any of the questions I have answered on this application, I will notify Koniag Education Foundation or I will risk having my scholarship forfeited. I have read, understood, and will abide by the guidelines and instructions above.

Signature of Applicant

Date