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Deadlines for Next Scholarships!

During the **2005/06** School Year, KEF has funded **156** students for a total of **\$235,313!** This is the most that KEF has been able to pay out in a year and we are excited to see growing numbers of applicants. On the June 1, 2006 deadline, we received our highest number of applicants ever. We would like to remind you all of our upcoming deadlines since you can apply for both the KEF scholarship as well as the following scholarships.

August 10th—Alyeska Scholarship Deadline

KEF will be giving out two scholarships for **\$4,800 per school year**. To be eligible, you must: 1. Be a Koniag Shareholder or descendant 2. Majoring in the fields of: Engineering, Electrical, Mechanical, Quality Assurance, Safety Professionals, Chemistry, Project Management, Communications, Environmental Science, Human Resources, Security, Planners & Schedulers, Instrument (SCADA) Communication Technicians, Business, or Process Industry. To request an application, please contact us at 888-562-9093 or by email at kef2@alaska.com

August 10th—Glenn Godfrey Scholarship Deadline

A renewable **\$5,000** scholarship to be given each year to a Koniag Shareholder or Descendant college student who demonstrates leadership in school, community, athletics, church, or Native culture. You can download this form at: www.koniageducation.org.

August 10—Larry Matfay Scholarship Deadline

A scholarship of **\$1,000** to an applicant majoring in anthropology, history, Alaskan Native or American Indian Studies, or other disciplines in which they are pursuing a course of study that involves research and learning about Alutiiq culture. You can download this application online.

Career Development—Open—Funding short-term classes or certifications.

Let's Hear It For Crab Festival! - by Janissa Johnson

Sunshine, hot weather, sun block; these are all things you don't normally think of when you hear the words "Crab Festival" or "Kodiak." However, the 2006 Kodiak Crab Festival was absolutely gorgeous throughout the entire event, which has not happened in about seven years. In previous years people have complained about the non-stop rain but this year, the stores ran out of sunscreen and people were complaining about the heat!

Koniag Education Foundation was able to participate in this year's Festival by hosting a new and exciting event which we hope to make annual: a Buoy Toss. There was a booth with information on scholarships, employment opportunities, and Alutiiq games on loan from the Alutiiq Museum. KEF held a raffle with cash prizes and grand prize original oil painting donated by Alutiiq artist and Koniag shareholder, Gloria Selby.

The hot weather made it a perfect opportunity to kick off the buoy toss for the first time. The event took place at the boat ramp by Oscar's dock on Saturday, immediately following the survival suit race. The objective of the game was to toss a 12-inch buoy into a hula hoop which was moved out further as the game progressed. The game required both strength and accuracy. People were able to participate in four categories: children under 12, kids between 13 and 17, women's 18 and above and men's 18 and above. There were a total of 35 participants anxiously waiting to toss a buoy for the split-the-pot cash prizes and their "Buoy Toss 2006 Champion" t-shirt. This year's winners were Etta Nelson, Sarah Miles, Rachel Kane, and Sgt. Chris Kratt. Many people showed up to watch the new event and all of our contestants had a great time. We are looking forward to holding the event again next year.

The booth was a great way to network with people and spread the word about our new event and scholarship opportunities that KEF funds for shareholders and descendants. In the end, KEF's participation in the Crab Festival turned out to be very successful.

KEF would like to give enormous thanks to Johnny Parker for building our booth and Gloria Selby for donating the gorgeous painting. More thanks go out to the Koniag, Inc. staff: Cheryl Christofferson, Rachel Kane, and Gloria Bishop for donating their time at the booth. Thank you to Darlene Johnson who sold an amazing number of raffle tickets! KEF board members assisted, with Ed Ward splicing line for the buoy toss, Tony Cange helping to organize and coordinate the buoy toss event, Laurie Fagnani helped to design sponsorship posters, and Development Committee Member Jerome Selby helped plan the event, set up the booth, as well as working with Jared Kane to retrieve buoys by skiff during the toss. Kirsten Holzshu and Janissa Johnson helped plan and coordinate the buoy toss and volunteers. Lars Ursin coordinated the targets and the Kodiak High School youth group, "Together As One" members Candace, Sarah, Delisa, Nina, Abbie, Megan, Joe, Desiree, and Mike assisted with advertising and coordinating the event. Kodiak Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Norm Wooten officiated as judge during the buoy toss. We would especially like to thank our booth sponsors: Carlile Trucking, Northern Air Cargo, Koniag Inc., Alutiiq Inc., and Aerospace Alaska. See you next year!



KEF raffled an original oil painting of two Alutiiq girls in their regalia painted and donated by Gloria Selby (above). KEF and all of its volunteers raised over \$4,000. Denise May won the painting as the grand prize and cash prize winners were Ronny Tennison, Kathy O'Rourke, and Perry Page.

Attention all Artists and Graphic Designers: Logo Contest!



Some local wildlife near Psagshak

Out with the old and in with the new! The Koniag Education Foundation is looking for a shareholder or descendant to design a new logo for us. We are looking for two styles – something simple that appeals to youth, and something with a corporate feel.

You can submit your designs to us at 6927 Old Seward Hwy, Ste. 103, Anchorage, AK 99518. There will be a cash prize of \$500 to the winner of the contest and a great opportunity for you to show your creativity and designing ability!

The deadline for mailing your contest entry is August 15, 2006. If you have questions or would like information, you can contact us at 888-562-9093 or by email at kef@alaska.com.

“Education is all around you—at a library, in a crossword puzzle, working on a four-wheeler, problem-solving on a boat, and discussions with elders—education doesn’t hide out in the classroom.”
-Tyan Selby

Other Scholarship Opportunities

KEF would like to encourage our students to apply for these scholarships:

Alaska Aerospace Development Corporation: Offers a scholarship as well as internships to Kodiak Island Borough School District graduating seniors. Scholarship awards are **\$5,000** each and can be used at any University of Alaska campus for pursuing a Bachelor’s degree in mathematics, engineering, physics, business, computer science or other technical fields related to the aerospace industry. For further information, please contact the AADC office at (907) 561-3338 or visit www.akaerospace.com.

The Channel Foundation of Seattle offers scholarships for indigenous women around the world to get masters degrees in fields that benefit their communities. See their website at www.nativeleaders.org.



Shane Thibert-
Arizona State
Graduate

Student Success Stories– Shane Thibert

Shane Thibert, 27, and a KEF scholarship recipient was born in Anchorage to shareholder Lucy Thibert (Christiansen) and commercial fisherman, Merrill Thibert. Shane grew up in Old Harbor until the age of 19 and has attended Arizona State University. Shane graduated in May 2006 from ASU, Summa Cum Laude, from the College of Education, with a Bachelor’s Degree of Arts in Secondary Education. KEF is proud to have contributed to Shane’s educational success! Shane wrote, “I just wanted to say thank you very much. Without your support, this would not have been possible. I greatly appreciate all of your help and assistance throughout my college career. You have greatly touched my life and many people’s lives around me. I will never forget the help KEF has been to my personal success.... Thank you for everything!” KEF is proud of all of our graduates!

KEF Board of Directors and Committee Members

Thank you to our Board and Committee Members—you have done a great job in steering KEF to a positive future! There are approximately 3,500 shareholders and descendants who are eligible to apply for scholarships and grants to further their education and obtain careers or degrees. The Koniag Education Foundation Board of Directors serves on a voluntary basis and receives no compensation for their service. The Board firmly believes that educating our people greatly enhances the quality of life in the communities in which they live.

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Thank You To Our Donors!!!

Thank you to our fabulous donors over the past year. Your contributions have allowed KEF to continue operating and to become more effective at our goal of reaching Koniag shareholders and descendants with educational opportunities and fundraising! You should be proud of your contribution—we are! If you would like to donate to KEF and support our mission, you may send donations to Koniag Education Foundation, 6927 Old Seward Hwy., Ste. 103, Anchorage, AK 99518, or contact us at 1-888-562-9093 for more information. **ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE**

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