

Our Future

The goal of **Our Future** is to support the development of young Native scholars and leaders by assisting in their preparation for the college experience. Student participants and their families will increase their knowledge and understanding of the college admissions and financial aid processes. Students will benefit from regular involvement of experts, elders, and leaders.

Student participants will:

- ◆ Learn how to complete college applications
- ◆ Gain insider's tips to the college admissions process
- ◆ Prepare for the PSAT, SAT, and ACT
- ◆ Learn how to navigate the financial aid process
- ◆ Develop as Native scholars and leaders



Our Future meets monthly on the University of Alaska Southeast Ketchikan campus on the second full week of every month (September through May) from 3:00-4:30pm. Our first session, "College Admissions 101", will be September 14-18.



Eligibility Requirements:

Alaska Native and American Indian students (grades 10-12) who have a demonstrated commitment to attend college and have at least a 2.75 cumulative grade point average.

Interested students can request and submit applications by Fri. Sept. 11 to:

Ketchikan Indian Community

Attn: Cara Wallace

2960 Tongass Avenue, Suite 429

Ketchikan, AK 99901

907.228.5162 cwallace@kictribe.org

Our Future also offers:*
Funding for college visits!
College application fee payments!
PSAT, SAT or ACT fee payments!
*Available to participating students meeting certain criteria.

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OUR FUTURE APPLICATION

Our Future is a program for students (grades 10-12) who are planning to attend college after high school graduation. Student participants benefit from academic, social and cultural support, as well as a peer network of other college-bound Native students. Participating students must maintain a 2.75 cumulative GPA or better. *Our Future* works to support and develop tomorrow's Native scholars and leaders.

Completed applications and supporting documents must be submitted to Advanced Educational Opportunities by Friday, September 11, 2009.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____ Gender Female Male
 Permanent Mailing Address _____ Date of Birth _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Home Telephone _____ Cell Phone _____
 Email Address _____
 Are you a member of Ketchikan Indian Community? Yes No
 Are you a member of the Organized Village of Saxman? Yes No
 Please list all other tribal affiliations: _____

EDUCATION

High School Ketchikan HS Revilla HS Ketchikan Correspondence Other: _____
 Grade 9 10 11 12

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____ Parent Form (see attached)
 Work Telephone _____ Cell Phone _____
 Email Address _____

ESSAY

Please submit a 1-2 page type-written response to one of the following essay prompts:

1. What motivates you to attend college, and why?
2. How do you plan to provide leadership for your Native community after college?
3. What qualities ought Native scholars and leaders possess? Which of those qualities do you possess?

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Completed Application Form
- Parent Form
- Official High School Transcripts
 Rising Freshmen should submit their middle school records for grades 7 & 8
- Signed Student Agreement
- Signed Parent Agreement
- 1-2 page type-written essay

PARENT FORM

The Parent Form will be utilized to help KIC's Advanced Educational Opportunities staff better understand your child and support the student in his/her educational endeavors. This form must be completed by a parent or guardian and submitted with the student's application.

What goals and dreams do you have for your child?

Is there anything you can tell us about your child that will help us make his/her participation in *Our Future* more successful?

Since parent support will be essential to the success of *Our Future*, would you have any difficulty attending occasional parent meetings (with at least two weeks advanced notice), possible fundraising meetings (still undecided), celebration dinners (twice a year), etc?

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____



Our Future Student Agreement

1. Be enrolled in high school (grades 10-12) and maintain at least a 2.75 cumulative grade point average.
2. Attend regularly scheduled meetings (1 week per month). If an absence cannot be avoided, they must be communicated to AEO staff. Any more than two (2) unexcused absences will make a student ineligible to participate in *Our Future*.
3. Actively participate in all meetings by asking questions, sharing my opinion, and helping my peers when I can.
4. Demonstrate respect for myself, other students, *Our Future* staff, and any guest speakers or presenters.
5. Complete all assignments, which may require my time outside of the scheduled meetings.
6. Be responsible for arranging my own transportation to and from regular and special meetings. Where transportation provides a problem, free bus passes are available to students.
7. Commit to seeing and carrying myself as a scholar and leader at all times.

I have read and understand the *Our Future* student agreement and agree to abide by its terms and expectations.

Student's Name: _____

Student's Signature: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____



Our Future Parent Agreement

1. Provide the personal and academic support needed for my child to maintain at least a 2.75 cumulative grade point average.
2. Allow my child to attend regularly scheduled meetings (1 week per month) and other special sessions as needed. If an absence cannot be avoided, they must be communicated to AEO staff by the child and/or parent prior to our meeting. Any more than two (2) unexcused absences will make a student ineligible to participate in *Our Future*.
3. Attend scheduled parent meetings (once per month or quarter).
4. Commit to learning about the college and financial aid processes.
5. Demonstrate respect for students, other parents, *Our Future* staff, and any guest speakers or presenters.
6. Encourage my child to complete all assignments, which may require his/her time outside of the scheduled meetings.
7. Be responsible for arranging your child's transportation to and from regular and special meetings. Where transportation provides a problem, free bus passes are available to students.
8. Encourage my child's growth as a scholar and leader at all times.

I have read and understand the *Our Future* parent agreement and agree to abide by its terms and expectations.

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____