

# Scholarships for careers in Environmental Fields Native Community Fields

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# Scholarships

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Udall Scholarship\*

Native American  
Congressional internship

American Indian College Fund

Brower Youth Awards

NOAA-Hollings

Fulbright Program

Knight-Hennessy Program

Schwarzman Scholars  
Program

Gates Cambridge Scholarship

# Udall Scholarship

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Undergraduate scholarship - \$7,000

Eligibility:

- Be a US citizen or permanent resident
- Interested in careers related Environmental Issues or Native American Communities
- Graduating between May 2026 (Junior) and May 2027 (Sophomore) for this year's competition
- GPA 3.0/4.0 or higher

UNM Deadline – **November 20, 2024**

Udall Deadline – Early March 2025

# Native American Congressional Internship

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Paid Internship in Washington, DC during summer

Eligibility:

- Native American and Alaska Native college students (UG, GR, Law students)
- Commitment to a career related to Tribal public policy or supporting Tribal communities
- U.S. Citizens, Nationals, and Permanent Residents

Application available on October 13, 2024

Deadline – Late January 24, 2025

# American Indian College Fund

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\$2,000 to \$3,000 per academic year for undergraduate and graduate students in any majors

Eligibility:

- an enrolled member of a federally or state-recognized tribe
- minimum GPA of 2.00
- Full-time enrollment at a higher education institution

Application available in February

Deadline – May 2025

# Brower Youth Awards (ENV)

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\$3,000 award prize for environmental leadership

Eligibility:

- ages 13 to 22 living in North America including Mexico, Canada, and U.S. territories
- be an environmental change leaders

Deadline – Early April 2025

Award Ceremony in October

# Ernest Hollings UG Scholarship (ENV)

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\$9,500/academic year provided by NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration)

## Eligibility:

- Be a US citizen
- a full-time 2nd year student in a four-year academic program
- GPA 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Studying NOAA fields (e.g. oceanic, environmental, biological, and atmospheric sciences, math, engineering, remote sensing technology, computer and information science, physical and social science)

Application available in September

Deadline – January 31, 2025

# US Fulbright Student Program (Senior)

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The largest exchange program in the world

Program Options:

- Study/**Research** including Creative Performing Arts
- English Teaching Assistant (ETA)

Eligibility:

- US Citizen
- Graduating Seniors, Recent Graduates, or Graduate Students

UNM Deadline – **September 6, 2025**

National Deadline – **October**



# Knight-Hennessy Scholars Program (Senior)

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## Graduate Programs at **Stanford University**

Apply any full-time graduate programs at Stanford along with scholarship application

### Eligibility:

- Undergraduate degree by fall 2026
- Earned your first bachelor's degree by January 2019 or later
- Including International Students

KH Deadline – **October 2025**

# Schwarzman Scholars Program (Senior)

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One-Year Graduate Program at Tsinghua University in Beijing, China

Eligibility:

- Undergraduate degree before the program starts
- Must be 18-28 years of age as of August 1 of your enrollment year
- Including International Students

Schwarzman Deadline – **mid-September**

# Gates Cambridge Scholarship (Senior)

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Graduate Programs at **University of Cambridge**

Scholarship Application is included in the university application form.

Eligibility:

- Be a citizen of any country outside the United Kingdom
- Plan to pursue a graduate degree program at Cambridge
- Criteria: academic excellence, good fit to Cambridge, leadership potential, and commitment to improving other people's lives

Gates Cambridge Deadline – **October 2025**

# To become a competitive applicant

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## **Scholarship Criteria**

- Academic Excellence
- Leadership Development
- Service Activity
- Research Experience

## **Selection Factors**

- Commitment to your future career goals
- Potential impact to your fields & people's lives (Investment value)
- Consistency of your activities
- Cohesive theme and story

# SUMMER RESEARCH INTERNSHIP APPLICATION WORKSHOP

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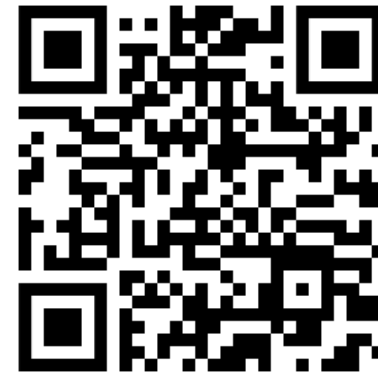
Friday, November 1

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Honors College Forum

# QUESTIONS??

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Dive into Udall Scholarship

# Udall Scholarship

Established by Congress in 1992 to honor Morris K. Udall's 30 years of service in the House of Representatives and enhanced by Congressional action in 2009 to honor Stewart L. Udall's vast public service, the Udall Foundation is dedicated to educating a new generation of Americans to preserve and protect their national heritage through scholarship, fellowship, and internship programs focused on **environmental and Native American issues**. The Udall Foundation is also committed to promoting the principles and practices of environmental conflict resolution.

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# Eligibility

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- Have at least 3.0 GPA
- Be Sophomore (graduating May 2027) or Junior (graduating May - Dec 2026)
- Will be pursuing full-time study after receiving the scholarship
- Be a US citizen or permanent resident



# Three Categories

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1. To students who've demonstrated commitment to careers related to the **environment**; or
2. To Native American and Alaska Native students who have demonstrated commitment to careers related to **tribal public policy**; or
3. To Native American and Alaska Native students who have demonstrated commitment to careers related to **Native health care**.

# Criteria

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- commitment to improving or preserving the environment, or Native health care or tribal public policy
- personal characteristics - leadership, community service, & well roundedness
- academic achievements

# Awards

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- Up to **\$7,000** for tuition, room and board, and other educational expenses (**55** awards)
- Udall Scholar Orientation on August in Tucson, AZ (mandatory)
- 50-55 Honorable Mentions
- Access to a network through the Udall Alumni Listserv.

# UNM Preliminary Application

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UNM preliminary application deadline

**11/20/2024, 11:59 pm**

<http://nisf.unm.edu>

December 12: UNM nominees  
announced

# UNM Preliminary Application

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List of activities (research, extracurricular activities)

Three references (No letter for UNM process)

Academic/Career goal essay (2000 characters)

What are your professional aspirations? What issues, needs or problems do you hope to address? Indicate in which areas you are considering making your career and specify how your academic program and your overall educational plans will assist you in achieving your goals

**An 800-word essay**

Unofficial UNM Transcript (include your transfer transcript)

Copy of tribal enrollment card (Native American categories Only)

# Tips for essay

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“The public service careers of Congressman Morris K. Udall and Secretary of Interior Stewart L. Udall were guided by the core values of **civility, integrity, and consensus**. In 800 words or less, tell us how these three characteristics resonate with you today and how you exemplify at least one of these values in your personal and professional life.”

- Your own definition of Civility, Integrity, and Consensus
- Connect these values to your previous experiences and future career goals
- Relate Udall brother’s accomplishments with these values
- <https://vimeo.com/246194440>

# UNM PROCESS

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- Reviewed by Two Committees
  - Environmental category
  - Native American categories

# Timeline for UNM Nominees

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- December 12 – start working on Udall application
- Late February: Submit the non-UNM transcripts from previous schools and rec letters to Kiyoko
- **March 4: SUBMIT application**
- **March 5: (11:59 pm MST): Udall Application Due**
- April 18: Email notification to all applicants
- May 9: Udall Scholars announced on website
- August 4-8: Udall Scholar Orientation in Tucson



# Udall National Application

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- 6 short essays - leadership, community service, career aspiration
- 800-word essay (revised essay from UNM application)
- College/university transcripts
- 3 letters of recommendation

# Three Letters

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- a current or recent faculty member in the nominee's field of study;
- an individual who can speak about the nominee's commitment; and
- another individual who can attest to the nominee's leadership and/or service.

# Application Tips

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- Articulate a career “path” or field
- Tell a cohesive “story”
- Show your commitment to the chosen field through your activities
- Emphasize your desire for problem-solving or consensus-building
- Read widely among the speeches, legislation, and policy statements

# Application Personal Characteristics Tips

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## Personal Characteristics-What Works

- Solid record of service
- Leadership roles assumed in a variety of activities/organizations
- Personal choices that "walk the walk"
- Ability to combine theory and application, research and practice
- Nominees who actively seek solutions to problems
- Nominees working 20+ hours a week and still demonstrating commitment to field outside coursework
- "Well-rounded" nominees: those who are involved in sports, music, art, etc.
- References that attest to character and intellect

## Personal Characteristics-What Doesn't

- Few activities (campus, community, research, OR jobs/internships) outside coursework related to the nominee's interest in the environment, tribal public policy or Native American health care
- No demonstrated leadership
- No service of any kind
- Nominees who point out problems but pose no solutions
- Unhelpful letters of recommendation that don't help nominee to stand out

# Application Academics Tips

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## **Academics-What Works**

- Coursework that is relevant to goals
- Combining diverse areas of study
- High grades in difficult courses/multiple majors
- Difficult courses taken but not required by major/career goal statement (i.e. science courses)
- Research presented at conferences; publications
- National honors/recognition in field of study
- National honors/recognition in general

## **Academics-What Doesn't**

- No coursework in area of stated career goal
- B's and lower in major
- Downward trending GPA
- History of W's on transcript

# Application Essay Tips

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## **The Essay-What Works**

- Reflective analysis of their chosen core value (civility, integrity, or consensus)
- Fresh perspective on their relationship to the Udall legacy
- Different, unique approach
- Well written

## **The Essay-What Doesn't**

- Glorified "personal statement"
- Doesn't connect to professional goal
- Poorly written

# How Competitive?

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406 candidates nominated by 192 institutions (2024)

55 scholars

- 10 Sophomores; 45 Juniors
- Environment category – 37 scholars selected from 341 applications (10.9%)
- Tribal Policy category – 9 scholars selected from 34 applications (26.5%)
- Native Health Care – 9 scholars selected from 31 applications (29.0%)

# Udall Scholars from UNM

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2024 – Native Health Care category

2023 – Native Health Care category

2022 – Environmental category

2021 – Tribal Policy category





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