UDALL SCHOLARSHIP

UNM Preliminary Deadline: November 20, 2023

I. Eligibility
   • Be a sophomore (graduating in May 2026) or junior (graduating in May 2025)
   • Be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident
   • Have a 3.0 GPA or above
   • Apply one of the three categories
     1. Environment: For undergraduates interested in conservation and environmental issues
     2. Tribal Policy: For Native Americans and Alaska Natives working on an array of policy issues in Indian county
     3. Native Health Care: For Native Americans and Alaska Natives pursuing health-related careers
   • Obtain institutional nomination
     Submit UNM Preliminary Application Form by 11:59 pm, November 20, 2023.
     NISF.unm.edu → Prestigious Scholarships → Udall Scholarship → Application Form

II. Awards and Benefits
   • Up to $7,000 for tuition, room/board, and other educational expenses (55 awards)
   • Udall scholar orientation during August in Tucson, AZ (Mandatory)
   • Access to a network through the Udall alumni listserv
   • 50-55 honorable mentions

III. Criteria
   • Research experiences & Leadership skills
   • Consistent & long-term record of commitment to the chosen field
   • Unusual or innovative suggestions for solutions to problems
   • Vision, energy, enthusiasm, interpersonal skills

IV. UNM Preliminary Application
   • Online Application - https://forms.unm.edu/forms/unm_udall_application
     o List of activities
     o Three references
     o Academic & Career goal essay (2000 characters including spaces)
     o 800-word Essay
     o Unofficial transcript(s)
     o Copy of tribal enrollment card (only for categories 2 & 3)
V. Udall Application/Supporting Documents
- Udall Online Application
- An 800-word essay
  “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.”
- College/university transcript(s)
- Three letters of recommendation
  1. a current or recent faculty member in the nominee’s field of study;
  2. an individual who can speak about the nominee’s commitment; and
  3. another individual who can attest to the nominee’s leadership and/or service.

VI. Selection Process
❖ November 20, 2023 (11:59 pm) – UNM Preliminary Application Deadline
❖ December 12, 2023 – UNM Nominees Announced
❖ March 5, 2024: Udall Application Due
❖ April 18, 2024: Email notifications to all applicants
❖ May 3, 2024: Udall Scholars announced on website
❖ August 6-10, 2024: Udall Scholar Orientation in Tucson, AZ

VII. Helpful Websites
- http://udall.gov - Udall Foundation Scholarship homepage
- https://nisf.unm.edu/prestigious-scholarships/udall-scholarship/ - UNM Udall scholarship page
- http://nni.arizona.edu – Native Nations Institute by Udall Foundation

Selected statistics on the 2023 competition (55 Scholars & 55 honorable mentions)
- Total of 384 students were nominated by 172 institutions
- Environment category – 37 scholars selected from 328 applications
- Tribal Policy category – 9 scholars selected from 28 applications
- Native Health Care – 9 scholars selected from 28 applications
- Sophomore – 14 scholars selected from 117 applications
- Junior – 41 scholars selected from 267 applications

UNM Udall Scholars
2023 – 1 scholar (Native Health) & 1 Honorable Mention (Native Health)
2022 – 1 Scholar (Environment)
2021 – 1 Scholar (Tribal Policy) & 2 Honorable Mentions (Environment, Native Health)
2020 – 1 Scholar (Native Health) & 2 Honorable Mentions (Environment, Native Health)
2019 – 1 Scholar (Native Health) & 1 Honorable Mention (Native Health)
2018 – 2 Honorable Mentions (Environment, Native Health)
2016 – 1 Scholar & 1 Honorable Mention (Tribal Policy)
2015 – 1 Scholar (Environment)
2014 – 2 Honorable Mentions (Environment, Native Health)
2013 – 3 Scholars (2 Native Health, 1 Tribal Policy) 1 Honorable Mention (Environment)