UDALL SCHOLARSHIP

UNM Preliminary Deadline: November 20, 2020

I. Eligibility
   • Be a sophomore (graduating in May 2023) or junior (graduating in May 2022)
   • Be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident
   • Have a 3.0 GPA or above
   • Apply one of the three categories
     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.
   • Obtain institutional nomination

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://nisf.unm.edu/prestigious-scholarships/udall-scholarship/application-form.php
     o Unofficial UNM Transcript
     o 800-word Essay
     o Copy of tribal enrollment card (for categories 2 & 3)
V. Udall Application/Supporting Documents

- Udall Online Application
- An 800-word essay
  “Discuss a significant public speech, legislative act, book, or public policy statement by Congressman Morris K. Udall or Secretary of Interior Stewart L. Udall and its impact on your field of study, interests, and career goals.”
- College/university transcript(s)
- Three letters of recommendation
  1. a current or recent faculty member who can discuss the nominee’s potential;
  2. a current or recent faculty member in the nominee’s field of study; and
  3. another individual who can attest to the nominee’s capabilities.

VI. Selection Process

❖ November 20, 2020 – UNM Preliminary Application Due
❖ December 11, 2020 – UNM Nominees Announced
❖ March 2, 2021: Udall Application Due
❖ April 27, 2021: Email notifications to all applicants
❖ May 7, 2021: Udall Scholars announced on website
❖ August 3-8, 2021: 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
- Morris Udall Speech
- Stewart Udall Speech

Selected statistics on the 2020 competition (55 Scholars & 55 honorable mentions)

- Total of 429 students were nominated by 199 institutions
- Environment category – 37 scholars selected from 359 applications
- Tribal Policy category – 10 scholars selected from 38 applications
- Native Health Care – 8 scholars selected from 32 applications
- Sophomore – 13 scholars selected from 133 applications
- Junior – 42 scholars selected from 296 applications

UNM Udall Scholars
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)
2012 – 1 Scholar (Native Health)