



UDALL SCHOLARSHIP

UNM Preliminary Deadline: November 20, 2025

I. Eligibility

- Be a sophomore (graduating in May 2028) or junior (graduating in May 2027)
- 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 country
 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, 2025.

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://unm.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_d5Po5FR8dTqCiGO
 - List of activities
 - Three references
 - Academic & Career goal essay (2000 characters including spaces)
 - 800-word Essay
 - Unofficial transcript(s)
 - 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, 2025 (11:59 pm) – [UNM Preliminary Application Deadline](#)
- ❖ Early December 2025 – UNM Nominees Announced
- ❖ Early March 2026: Udall Application Due
- ❖ April 2026: Email notifications to all applicants
- ❖ May 2026: Udall Scholars announced on website
- ❖ August 2026: 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://www.ecr.gov> - U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution by Udall Foundation
- <http://nni.arizona.edu> – Native Nations Institute by Udall Foundation
- <https://www.udall.gov/documents/PDF/2025sampleapplication.pdf> - Sample application

Selected statistics on the 2025 competition (55 Scholars & 55 honorable mentions)

- A total of 381 students were nominated by 175 institutions
- Environment category – 38 scholars selected from 333 applications
- Tribal Policy category – 10 scholars selected from 29 applications
- Native Health Care – 7 scholars selected from 19 applications
- Sophomore – 12 scholars selected from 121 applications
- Junior – 49 scholars selected from 260 applications

UNM Udall Scholars

2025 – 1 scholar (Tribal Policy) & 2 Honorable Mentions (Environment, Tribal Policy)
2024 – 1 Scholar (Native Health) & 2 Honorable Mentions (Environment, Native Health)
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)

2013 – 3 Scholars (2 Native Health, 1 Tribal Policy) 1 Honorable Mention (Environment)