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 Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation is dedicated to educating a new generation of Americans to preserve and protest 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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Center for Academic Excellence & Leadership Development at Honors College
  ◦ CAELD.unm.edu
  ◦ National & International Scholarships & Fellowships
  ◦ Preparation for graduate application
  ◦ Resume building

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Appointment via Lobo Achieve
Honors College Room 1058
Eligibility

- Have at least 3.0 GPA
- Be Sophomore (graduating May 2025) or Junior (graduating May – Dec 2024)
- Be pursuing full-time study
- Be a US citizen or permanent resident
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.
Criteria

- 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

- 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

UNM preliminary application deadline

11/20/2022, 11:59 pm

http://nisf.unm.edu

December 11: UNM nominees announced
UNM Preliminary Application

Online application

List of activities (research, extracurricular activities)

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

“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
UNM Nominees

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

- 6 short essays - leadership, community service, career aspiration
- 800-word essay
- College/university transcripts
- 3 letters of recommendation
Three Letters

- a current or recent faculty member who can discuss the nominee’s potential;
- a current or recent faculty member in the nominee’s field of study; and
- another individual who can attest to the nominee’s capabilities.
Application Tips

- 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
How Competitive?

382 candidates nominated by 181 institutions (2022)

55 scholars

- 18 Sophomores; 37 Juniors
- Environment category – 37 scholars selected from 315 applications (11.7%)
- Tribal Policy category – 9 scholars selected from 34 applications (26.5%)
- Native Health Care – 9 scholars selected from 33 applications (27.3%)
Udall Scholars from UNM

2022 – Environmental category
2021 – Tribal Policy category
2020 – Native Health Care category
Future Scholarships

Rhodes Scholarship (Junior, March 10)*
Marshall Scholarship (Junior, March 10)*
Mitchell Scholarship (Junior, March 10)*
Fulbright Scholarship (Senior, September 6)*
Knight-Hennessy Scholars Program (Senior, September)
Schwarzman Scholars Program (Senior, September)
Gates Cambridge Scholarship (Senior, October)