

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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Center for Academic Excellence & Leadership Development
at Honors College

- National & International Scholarships & Fellowships
- Preparation for graduate application
- Resume building

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Appointment via Lobo Achieve

Honors College Room 1073

Eligibility

- Have at least 3.0 GPA
- Be Sophomore (graduating May 2026) or Junior (graduating May – Dec 2025)
- 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 PROCESS

- Reviewed by Two Committees
 - Environmental category
 - Native American categories (policy and healthcare)

UNM Preliminary Application

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

“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 Preliminary Application

UNM preliminary application deadline

11/20/2023, 11:59 pm

<http://nisf.unm.edu>

December 12: UNM nominees
announced

Timeline for UNM Nominees

- December 12 – start working on Udall application
- February : Submit the non-UNM transcripts from previous schools and rec letters to Kiyoko
- **March 5: SUBMIT application**
- **March 6: (11:59 pm MST): Udall Application Due**
- April 18: Email notification to all applicants
- May 3: Udall Scholars announced on website
- August 6-10: Udall Scholar Orientation in Tucson

Udall National Application

- 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

- 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

- 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

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

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

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?

384 candidates nominated by 172 institutions (2023)

55 scholars

- 14 Sophomores; 41 Juniors
- Environment category – 37 scholars selected from 328 applications (11.3%)
- Tribal Policy category – 9 scholars selected from 28 applications (32.1%)
- Native Health Care – 9 scholars selected from 28 applications (32.1%)

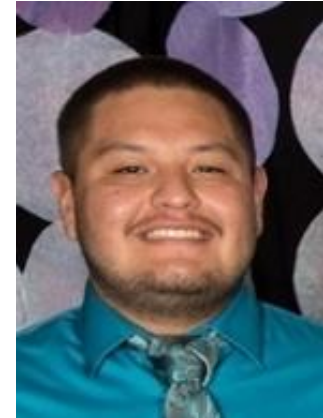
Udall Scholars from UNM

2023 – Native Health Care category

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)