

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 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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CIVILITY, INTEGRITY, CONSENSUS

Eligibility

- ❖ Competitive GPA (3.0+)
- ❖ Be Sophomore (graduating May 2019) or Junior (graduating May – Dec 2018)
- ❖ Be pursuing full-time study during the 2017-2018 academic year
- ❖ 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, and references**
- ❖ **academic achievements**
- ❖ **essay**

Awards

- ❖ Up to **\$7,000** for tuition, room and board, and other educational expenses (**60** awards)
- ❖ 50 Honorable Mentions
- ❖ Udall Scholar Orientation on August 8-13 in Tucson, AZ (mandatory)
- ❖ Access to a network through the Udall Alumni Listserv.

UNM Preliminary Application

❖ UNM preliminary application deadline

11/20/2016, 11:59 pm

<http://nisf.unm.edu>

❖ 12/10/2016: UNM nominees announced

UNM Preliminary Application

Online application

- ❖ Research, extra-curricular activities
- ❖ Career goal essay (3000 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

Discuss a significant public speech, legislative act, or public policy statement by Morris or Stewart Udall and its impact on your field of study, interests, and career goals.
- ❖ Unofficial UNM Transcript
- ❖ Copy of tribal enrollment card (Native American categories Only)

UNM Nominees

- ❖ 3/5/2017: Submit the non-UNM transcripts from previous schools and rec letters to CAELD office
- ❖ 3/14/2017: SUBMIT application
- ❖ 3/15/2017 (11:59 pm MST): Udall Application Due
- ❖ 4/12/2017: Status notification
- ❖ 5/1/2017: Udall Scholars announced on website
- ❖ August 8-13, 2017
Udall Scholar Orientation in Tucson, AZ

Udall Application

- ❖ 10 short essays

 - leadership, community service, career aspiration

- ❖ 800-word essay

- ❖ College/university transcripts

- ❖ Copy of tribal enrollment card

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.

Tips for essay

Research Udall's life and legacy.

- <http://www.library.arizona.edu/exhibits/udall>
- <http://www.library.arizona.edu/exhibits/sludall>

(1) analyze a significant speech or legislative act of Morris or Stewart Udall

(2) integrate that into a discussion of its impact on your interests, studies and career goals.

Application Tips

- ❖ Articulate a career “path” or field
- ❖ Tell a cohesive “story”
- ❖ Demonstrate your commitment to the chosen field
- ❖ Desire for problem-solving or consensus-building
- ❖ Read widely among the speeches, legislation, and policy statements

Top Mistakes

- ❖ Not Senator (Morris – Congressman, Stewart – Secretary of Interior)
- ❖ Unambitious & unrealistic career goals (I want to cut lawns in an environmentally friendly way)
- ❖ Answering questions without any sense of excitement
- ❖ Little evidence of leadership
- ❖ Lack of community involvement

How Competitive?

482 candidates nominated by 227 institutions (2016)

- 159 Sophomores; 323 Juniors
- 398 applied in the Environment category; 33 in Health Care; 51 in Tribal Policy

60 scholars

- ❖ 14 Sophomores; 46 Juniors
- ❖ Environmental studies: 40 scholars (10%)
- ❖ Native Health Care: 5 scholars (15%)
- ❖ Tribal Public Policy: 15 scholars (29%)

Udall Scholars from UNM

2010 – two scholars

1 Native health & 1 Tribal policy

2011 – one scholar

1 Native health

2012 – one scholar

1 Native health

2013 – three scholars & one honorable mention

2 Native health, 1 Tribal policy

1 Environment (honorable mention)

2014 – two honorable mentions

1 Environment & 1 Native health (honorable mention)

2015 – one scholar

1 Environment

2016 – one scholar & one honorable mention

both - Tribal policy