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.
Eligibility

❖ Competitive GPA (3.0+)
❖ Be Sophomore (graduating May 2023) or Junior (graduating May – Dec 2022)
❖ 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, and recommendation letters

❖ academic achievements

❖ essay (speeches by Udall brothers)
Awards

❖ Up to $7,000 for tuition, room and board, and other educational expenses (55 awards)

❖ 50-55 Honorable Mentions

❖ Udall Scholar Orientation on August 3-8 in Tucson, AZ (mandatory)

❖ Access to a network through the Udall Alumni Listserv.
UNM Preliminary Application

- UNM preliminary application deadline
  11/20/2020, 11:59 pm
  [http://nisf.unm.edu](http://nisf.unm.edu)

- December 11: UNM nominees announced
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

- 2/25/2021: Submit the non-UNM transcripts from previous schools and rec letters to CAELD office
- 2/28/2021: SUBMIT application
- 3/2/2021: (11:59 pm MST): Udall Application Due
- 4/27/2021: Email notification to all applicants
- 5/7/2021: Udall Scholars announced on website
- 8/3-8/2021: 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.
Tips for essay

Research Udall’s life and legacy.

➢ Go to NISF.unm.edu → Udall Scholarship → Applicants

(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
How Competitive?

429 candidates nominated by 199 institutions (2020)

- 133 Sophomores; 296 Juniors
- 359 applied in the Environment category; 32 in Native Health Care; 38 in Tribal Policy

55 scholars

- 13 Sophomores; 42 Juniors
- Environmental studies: 37 scholars (9.9%)
- Native Health Care: 8 scholars (29.2%)
- Tribal Public Policy: 10 scholars (28.6%)
Udall Scholars from UNM

2019 – one scholar & two honorable mention - Native Health (scholar), Native Health & Environment

2019 – one scholar & one honorable mention - both – Native Health

2018 – two honorable mentions - 1 Environment & 1 Native health

2016 – one scholar & one honorable mention - both - Tribal policy

2015 – one scholar - 1 Environment

2014 – two honorable mentions - 1 Environment & 1 Native health (honorable mention)

2013 – three scholars & one honorable mention
  2 Native health, 1 Tribal policy & 1 Environment (honorable mention)

2012 – one scholar - 1 Native health

2011 – one scholar - 1 Native health

2010 – two scholars - 1 Native health & 1 Tribal policy
Future Scholarships

• Rhodes Scholarship (March) *
• Marshall Scholarship (March) *
• Mitchell Scholarship (March) *
• Fulbright Scholarship (early September) *
• Knight-Hennessy Scholars Program (September)
• Schwarzman Scholars Program (September)
• Gates Cambridge Scholarship (October)