



# UDALL UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

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## OVERVIEW AND INTRODUCTION

### **Provides Undergraduate Scholarships for Students in Tribal Policy or Environmental Studies**

The Udall Scholarship is for undergraduate sophomores and juniors who are committed to Native American and/or environmental issues. This scholarship honors Morris and Stewart Udall, who significantly and positively impacted Native Americans and helped them to become self-governed, have better health care, and improve their lands and resources. This scholarship is granted to students who display leadership, public service work, and dedication to helping Native American tribes or the environment.

## ELIGIBILITY

There are different eligibility requirements for each of the three categories of the scholarship that an applicant must meet.

1. Tribal Policy
  - Must be a college sophomore or junior.
  - Must be a Native American or Alaskan Native who wants to work on tribal policy issues.
2. Native Health Care
  - Must be a college sophomore or junior.

- Must be a Native American or Alaskan Native who is pursuing a healthcare degree.
3. Environment
- Must be a college sophomore or junior.
  - Open to anyone who has an interest in environmental issues or environmental conservation.

## HOW TO APPLY

Your [Udall application](#) will consist of:

- An 11-question application;
- An 800-word essay related to the Udall Foundation's core values.
- Transcripts for all college coursework; and
- Three letters of recommendation that speak to your leadership, public service and academic achievements.

Additional documentation is required for applicants in tribal public policy and health care, and for U.S. permanent residents.

- The scholarship provides up to \$7,000 per year.
- Contact your school's Udall faculty representative for the online application.

Scholarship awardees must attend a 5-day scholarship orientation in Tucson, Arizona, that strengthens problem-solving, networking, and communication skills. The trip will be paid for by the foundation through a travel scholarship.

## FOR RECOMMENDERS

It is important that you know in which category the candidate is applying, as students may only apply in one of the three Scholarship categories: environment, tribal public policy, or Native American health care.

The selection committee looks for sustained participation in environmental or tribal activities, assumption of leadership roles and evidence of initiative, service to the community, and coursework or research that complements activities and career goals.

- Briefly explain to the selection committee in what capacity and context you know the candidate: as a research supervisor, through volunteer or campus activities, professional experience, and for what length of time.
- Provide concrete evidence of the candidate's leadership and service activities. The most effective examples highlight the candidate in action, as an innovator, activist, leader, volunteer, researcher, or teaching assistant, and convey the candidate's passion, enthusiasm, and dedication to environmental or tribal issues.
- Give examples of the candidate's personal characteristics. Showing is stronger than telling.
- Convey the scope of responsibility the candidate has assumed; what impact has his or her actions had?

The Udall faculty representative is responsible for uploading letters of recommendation to the student's online application. You can find your student's faculty representative [here](#). Please do not mail or email your letter of recommendation to the Udall Foundation.