

Udall Scholarship

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Website: [Udall Scholarship](#)

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Internal Deadline: January 20 annually

Award Description:

The Udall Foundation awards scholarships to college sophomores and juniors for leadership, public service, and commitment to issues related to the environment **or** to American Indian nations. The Udall scholarship honors the legacies of Morris Udall and Stewart Udall, whose careers had a significant impact on American Indian self-governance, health care, and the stewardship of public lands and natural resources.

The Udall Scholarship provides up to \$7,000 for eligible academic expenses, a Scholar Orientation in Tucson, Arizona, and access to the vast Udall Alumni Network.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria:

For the Environment category: Open to full-time sophomores or juniors who are US citizens or permanent residents. The Udall Foundation reviews applicants for their leadership, public service, and commitment to issues related to the environment.

For the Tribal Policy or Tribal Health categories: Open to full-time sophomores or juniors who are American Indian or Alaska Native. The Udall Foundation reviews applicants for their leadership, public service, and commitment to issues related to Native American nations. (For the purposes of the Scholarship, an American Indian or Alaska Native is any individual who is: An enrolled member of a state or federally recognized Indian tribe or band, including any tribe or band terminated since 1940; a descendant in first or second degree of an enrolled member of a state or federally recognized Indian tribe or band, who can demonstrate affiliation with the tribal community, according to criteria set by the Udall Foundation; considered by the Secretary of the Interior to be an Indian for any purpose; an Eskimo, Aleut, or other Alaska Native; or a permanent U.S. resident who is a member of the First Nations of Canada.)

Internal Application Instructions and Checklist:

The Udall scholarship **requires institutional nomination**. Applications made directly to the awarding body will not be considered. Interested students are encouraged to meet with Barbara Gorka, Director of Fellowships Advising, well in advance of the January 20 internal deadline.

Submit the following application components by January 20.

1. _____ **Campus Waiver and Agreement.** Complete the [online agreement](#).
2. _____ **Udall Scholarship Application.** To access the application, you must first meet with the Director of Fellowships Advising, Barbara Gorka (barbara.gorka@temple.edu). Complete the online application and submit your draft by the internal deadline. We recommend that you prepare your short essay responses and your Udall essay in Word, and then cut and paste when you are ready to submit. Before you begin to write, [review this advice](#) from the Udall website. Note that although you are answering a series of short essays, **these should read together as one narrative**. This means that you need a consistent story line that threads together your interests, experiences, and goals. The application also includes the **Udall Essay**. In the Udall essay, discuss a significant public speech, legislative act, book, or public policy statement by Congressman Morris K. Udall or Secretary of Interior Stewart L. Udall, and its impact on your field of study, interests, and career goals. The [Udall Papers at the University of Arizona](#) may serve as a resource. Maximum 800 words, single-spaced.
3. _____ **Transcripts.** Submit an unofficial copy of your Temple transcript or academic record. If you earned transfer credit for work at a previous institution, summer school, or study abroad (on a non-Temple program), please provide an unofficial transcript as well.
4. _____ **Three Letters of Recommendation.** Your references should provide letters of support to Barbara Gorka in Fellowships Advising (barbara.gorka@temple.edu) as PDFs by the campus deadline. Be sure your letter writers know which category you are applying for. 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. Please ask your letter writers to address these criteria. You are encouraged to provide your letter writers with this [Information for References](#) from the Udall Foundation.