Udall Scholarship Info Session

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Office of National & International Fellowships (ONIF)
Established in 1992 as an independent executive branch agency to honor U.S. Representative Morris K. Udall's lasting impact on this nation's environment, public lands, and natural resources, and his support of the rights and self-governance of American Indians and Alaska Natives.

The Udall Foundation awards scholarships, fellowships, and internships for study in fields related to the environment and to American Indians and Alaska Natives in fields related to health care and tribal public policy.

An average of **50 scholarships** are awarded each year to current sophomore & junior college students pursuing careers related to the environment, tribal public policy, or Native American health care.
Sophomores and juniors who are passionate about using their career to benefit the environment

- biology/chemistry
- enviro education
- enviro economics
- natural resources/wildlife mgmt
- engineering
- journalism/media
- renewable energy
- international relations
- theater/music/visual arts
- sustainable development
- sustainable textiles and fashion
- environmental justice
- architecture and design
- urban planning
- sustainable agriculture
- ecology
- law and policy
- marine science
- waste management
- ...

(just examples, not a complete list)

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TRIBAL PUBLIC POLICY/NATIVE AMERICAN HEALTH CARE

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

- Sophomores and juniors who are passionate about using their career to benefit Indian country or their tribe in particular

  - traditional and modern arts
  - public health
  - Indian law
  - sovereignty and self-determination
  - gaming
  - criminal justice
  - child welfare
  - sustainable development
  - elder care

  - education
  - economic development
  - natural resources/wildlife
  - language preservation
  - housing
  - journalism/media
  - renewable energy
  - health care
  - social work

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HOW WILL THE FOUNDATION KNOW I’M INDIAN?

- Provide a copy of your citizenship or enrollment verification from your state- or federally-recognized tribe
- If you were –ever– enrolled, even if you aren’t now, you are eligible.

OR

- Provide a copy of your parent or grandparent’s enrollment verification from a state- or federally-recognized tribe, and
- Copies of birth certificates connecting you to that relative
- If your parent or grandparent was –ever– enrolled, even if they aren’t now, you are eligible.

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Sophomores have completed 2 or 3 semesters of college (outside of high school) by the time March rolls around. The Foundation doesn’t worry about credits; semesters of experience on campus are important.

Juniors have 2 or 3 more semesters to complete after the spring semester in which they apply. (If you have 4 semesters left, you can probably apply as a sophomore)

Selected Scholars must be enrolled *full time both semesters* of the academic year after winning the award.
WHY SHOULD I APPLY?

- Join Udall’s growing alumni network of distinguished leaders.
- Meet like-minded students working on important, diverse issues.
- Leverage your impact by networking with other leaders and public servants.
- $7,000 for study in the next academic year.

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Four days in Tucson, Arizona, at Scholar Orientation: extending your professional network, meeting other scholars and alumni, and learning new skills.

- The Scholar Orientation is Required
- 2018 Orientation Dates: August 7-12, 2018
Hannah is pursuing a double degree in wildlife and fisheries resources and multidisciplinary studies (conservation ecology, biology, and English) at West Virginia University. Hannah has conducted independent undergraduate research on the territoriality of grassland songbirds at Konza Prairie, Kansas, and on waterbird community metrics of recently restored vs. established wetlands in West Virginia. Hannah has authored and published a review manuscript on factors influencing salamanders in riparian forests.
Will Rice is an economics research assistant for the Clemson University Center for Watershed Excellence, where he has developed his research interests in non-market valuation and policy formation concerning rivers and public lands. He has spent the past five summers working for the National Park Service at Wind Cave, Yellowstone, Cape Cod, the Missouri River, and Grand Canyon National Park.
HOW DO I DEMONSTRATE COMMITMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENT?

- Think of ways you’ve led positive solutions to environmental problems and “Crossing the aisle” is a big part of the Udall legacy.
- Consider how you’ve demonstrated “civility, integrity, and consensus” in your work.

(Pssssst. It’s their motto...)

ONIF can help you fit your experiences into the application.

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Udall welcomes mature students to apply. There’s no age limit.

It’s important that your long essay or “Udall essay” be about a speech or piece of legislation that speaks to your professional field of interest today.

GPA is not as important as your leadership, commitment, and public service.

- While your coursework should be challenging and appropriate to your career goals, we do not have a GPA cut-off.
- The things you do for your campus, community, and the environment are more important to us.

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APPLICATION COMPONENTS

- An 11-question application
  - Including short answer essay questions
- An 800-word essay on a speech, legislative act, book, or public policy statement by either Morris K. Udall or Stewart L. Udall and its impact on your interests and goals
- Transcripts for all college coursework
  - Unofficial is okay
- Three letters of recommendation that speak to your leadership, public service and academic achievements
  - Letters must be emailed or mailed directly to Cassidy Alvarado, LMU’s Udall Faculty Representative

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Next Steps

- Complete ONIF’s waiver form to receive access to the online application OR email cassidy.alvarado@lmu.edu to request access.

- Begin drafting your application
  - ONIF is available to review initial drafts.

- Requests your letters of recommendation
  - Schedule face-to-face meetings and explain why you are applying.

- Attend the January 12 Applicant Workshop Webinar at 3 p.m. for more tips and advice.

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November 3: Udall Scholarship Information Session

January 12: Required checkpoint & Applicant Workshop Webinar at 3:00 p.m.

February 3: LMU Campus Application Deadline - all application materials must be submitted online and recommenders must email their letters to Cassidy Alvarado.

February 14-21: LMU Udall Scholarship Committee convenes

February 21: ONIF will notify you if you have been nominated for the national competition

March 8: Udall Scholarship national deadline

April: Udall Scholars announced

August 7-12: Udall Scholar Orientation, Tucson, Arizona
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- The Udall Website!!!
- ONIF
- Faculty
- Career Professional Development
- Writing Center
- Penn State's Udall Essay Tips and Samples