

The Morris K. Udall Foundation

Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy

The Morris K. Udall Foundation was established by the U.S. Congress in 1992 to honor Morris King Udall's thirty years of service in the House of Representatives.

Morris Udall's career was distinguished by civility, integrity, and consensus, as well as a commitment to preservation of the nation's natural environment. Consistent with these values, the Udall Foundation is committed to educating a new generation of Americans to preserve and protect their national heritage through studies in the environment, Native American health and tribal policy, and effective public policy conflict resolution.

Recommendation:

The Foundation's activities are supported by the interest accrued in a federal trust fund and by contributions from the private sector. The Udall Foundation is an executive branch agency. The President of the United States appoints its board of trustees with the advice and consent of the U.S. Senate.

Each year, the Foundation awards undergraduate scholarships of up to \$5,000 to American juniors and seniors in fields related to the environment, and to Native American and Alaska Natives in fields related to health care or tribal policy.

The Foundation will award approximately 75 scholarships to outstanding students, to be known as Morris K. Udall Scholars. The awards will be made on the basis of merit to two groups of students:

- Those who are college sophomores or juniors in the current academic year, have outstanding potential, and who study the environment and related fields.
- Native American and Alaska Native students who are college sophomores or juniors in the current academic year, have outstanding potential, and are in fields related to health care or tribal public policy.

Nomination:

Two-year and four-year institutions are eligible to nominate a total of six students from either or both categories, although it is recommended that the total be equally divided between them. To be considered, a student must be nominated by his or her college or university using the official nomination materials provided to each institution.

Award:

Each scholar receives up to \$5,000, or the cost of tuition, fees, books, and room and board, whichever is less. Scholarship recipients are eligible for one year of support per application year. Scholarship monies not used during one academic year are not transferable to the succeeding academic year. Scholars selected during their sophomore year may be re-nominated during the next year's competition. Junior nominees may not be re-nominated. Freshmen are not eligible.

Programs:

Because environmental issues can be approached in a multidisciplinary way, the scholarship is offered to students from a broad range of disciplines:

- environmental engineering
- agriculture
- biology
- natural sciences
- natural resource management
- political science
- sociology
- architecture
- anthropology
- geography
- cultural studies
- history
- public policy
- pre-law

Native American and Alaska Native scholars have come from such backgrounds as:

- American Indian studies
- political science
- sociology
- geography
- anthropology
- tribal policy
- economic development
- government
- health care
- health sciences
- health policy

It is anticipated that the candidate's plan of study will include coursework in ethics and public policy and/or public or community service experience in the area of the candidate's career field.

To be considered for nomination as a Udall Scholar, a student must adhere to the following criteria:

- Be a matriculated sophomore or junior pursuing a degree at an accredited institution of higher education at the time of nomination. "Sophomore" is defined as a student who plans two more years of full-time undergraduate study beginning the next academic year. Students in two-year colleges who plan to transfer to a baccalaureate program at another institution may be nominated. "Junior" is defined as a student who plans one more year of full-time undergraduate study beginning the next academic year.
- Have a college grade-point average of at least "B" or the equivalent. It should be noted that this is only one of several qualifiers and that applicants will also be judged on the basis of other experience.
- Be a U.S. citizen, a permanent resident alien, or, in the case of nominees from American Samoa or the Commonwealth of the Mariana Islands, a U.S. national.
- In the case of scholarships in the areas of tribal policy and health care, nominees must be Native American or Alaska Native. For the purposes of the Udall Scholarship Program, a Native American or Alaska Native is any individual who is (1) a member of an Indian tribe or band, as membership is defined by the tribe or band, including any tribe or band terminated since 1940 and any tribe recognized by the state in which the tribe or band resides; (2) a descendent, in first or second degree, of a member of an Indian tribe or band, as membership is defined by the tribe or band; (3) considered by the Secretary of the Interior to be an Indian for any purpose; or (4) an Eskimo, Aleut, or other Alaska Native. Documentation must be provided.

To be eligible to receive payments, a Udall Scholar must submit the following:

- An acceptance of the scholarship award.
- An agreement to attend the scholar orientation weekend, tentatively planned for August

- A statement of eligible expenses, certified by the authorized financial officer of the enrolling institution, including those for tuition, fees, books, and room and board; an additional certification regarding the scholar's academic program; and other certifications as required by law or regulation.
- A completed Direct Deposit/EFT Enrollment form.
- Upon the completion of the Udall Foundation scholarship year, a typed narrative of approximately 300 words, accompanied by a recent photograph, for publication. The narrative will briefly describe benefits of the Udall scholarship.
- All official transcripts.

Payments from the Foundation may supplement, but not duplicate, benefits from other foundations, institutions, or organizations. The combined benefits from all sources may not exceed the costs of tuition, fees, books, and room and board as prescribed by the institution's cost-of-attendance budget.

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