

# Bulletin of Information for the Morris K. Udall Scholarship Nomination Process



## Morris K. Udall Foundation

CIVILITY, INTEGRITY, CONSENSUS

### Deadline

The Udall Scholarship review committee must receive the completed nomination package for candidates from a faculty representative by **March 3, 2005**.

### Purpose

The Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation was authorized by the U.S. Congress in 1992 to honor Congressman Morris King Udall and his legacy of public service. The Foundation is supported by a special trust fund in the U.S. Treasury and contributions from the private sector.

Morris King Udall's career was distinguished by civility, integrity, and consensus. For three decades, Congressman Udall served his country with distinction and honor. His legacy has impacted this nation's environment, public lands, and natural resources, instilling in this nation's youth a love and respect for these resources. Congressman Udall also championed the rights of Native Americans and Alaska Natives and used his leadership in congress to strengthen tribal self-governance.

Consistent with these values, the Udall Foundation is committed to increasing awareness of the importance of the nation's natural resources. The Foundation pays tribute to the leadership, courage, and vision of Congressman Udall in the following ways:

- By establishing programs to encourage the continued use, enjoyment, and exploration of our nation's rich and bountiful natural resources.
- By training Native Americans and Alaska Natives in the areas of health care and tribal public policy.
- By training professionals in fields related to the environment.

### Guidelines

The Udall Foundation furthers Congressman Udall's legacy by awarding 80 scholarships of up to \$5,000 to outstanding students to be known as Morris K. Udall Scholars, and 50 honorable mentions of \$350 each. 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. (NOTE: students in this category need **NOT** be Native American)
- Native American and Alaska Native students who are college sophomores or juniors in the current academic year, have outstanding potential, and who study fields related to health care or tribal public policy.

Two-year and four-year institutions are eligible to nominate a total of six students from either or both categories, although it would be ideal if the total were equally divided between them. (If you wish to nominate more than six students, please contact the Foundation. We will consider all requests on a case-by-case basis.) To be considered, a student must be nominated by his or her college or university using the official nomination materials provided to each institution.

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 renominated during the next year's competition. Junior nominees may not be renominated. Graduating seniors and first-year undergrads (regardless of number of credits) are not eligible.



## Who is a Typical Udall Scholar?

There really is no “typical” Udall Scholar. Udall Scholars have a broad range of academic backgrounds and environmental, tribal governance, or health experience with an equally broad scope of potential careers. Majors represented by Udall Scholars include, but are not limited to: environmental science/studies/engineering, agriculture, biology and other natural sciences, natural resource management, political science, sociology, anthropology, geography, cultural studies, American Indian studies, philosophy, tribal policy, economic development, history, English, theater, ecology, landscape architecture, and public health.

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.

## Conditions of Scholarship Eligibility

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 by their current institution. “Junior” is defined as a student who plans one more year of full-time undergraduate study beginning the next academic year. **Only undergraduate sophomores and juniors may be nominated. Graduating seniors and first-year undergraduates (regardless of number of credits) are not eligible.**
- Have a college grade-point average of at least a “B” or the equivalent. Please note: Nominees with lower GPA’s will be accepted on a case-by-case basis.
- Be a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident alien.
- 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 descendant, 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. Nominees should submit copies of relevant enrollment forms or descent documentation. Nominees who are members of a tribal group that is not federally or state recognized should submit some type of membership documentation and a one paragraph personal statement explaining their descent.

## Nomination Procedures

All candidates must be nominated by their college or university. Each participating institution appoints a faculty representative to serve as a liaison between the institution and the Foundation. The Foundation will not accept applications directly from candidates. The Foundation invites student nominations from accredited two-year and four-year colleges and universities in the United States, including their branch campuses.

## The Udall Faculty Representative

Each participating institution appoints a faculty representative to serve as a liaison between the institution and the Foundation. Udall Scholarship nomination materials will be distributed to faculty representatives who are responsible for:

- Publicizing the Udall Scholarship on campus.
- Soliciting faculty recommendations of outstanding students who study the environment and related fields, and of outstanding Native American and Alaska Native students in fields related to health care or tribal public policy.
- Establishing the process to select the best-qualified candidates to be nominated.
- Helping nominees prepare for the competition.
- Ensuring that the institution’s nominations are complete and are forwarded to the Udall Scholarship review committee by the stated deadline.

Faculty Representatives are urged to view the Faculty Representative Guidelines on the Foundation’s website through Internet Explorer at [www.udall.gov](http://www.udall.gov), and to contact the Foundation via email with questions.

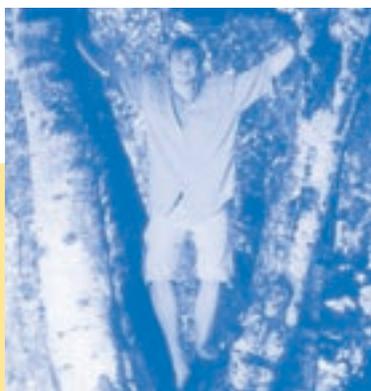


## Nomination Materials

The Foundation's nomination materials will be mailed to the institution's faculty representative in October. To be complete, nominations must include:

- Institution Nomination Form, which verifies the nominee's eligibility and formally transmits the nomination to the review committee. This document must be completed and signed by the faculty representative or the nomination cannot be considered.
- Nominee Information Form, which affirms the nominee's wish to be considered for the scholarship; provides biographical information about the nominee's background, interests, and plans; and provides a statement about the nominee's commitment to issues relating to the environment, or issues relating to health care or tribal public policy.
- Nominee's essay of 800 words or less, discussing a significant public speech, legislative act, or public policy statement by Congressman Udall AND its impact on the nominee's field of interest and career goals.
- Three independent evaluations of nominee. The nominee should secure letters of recommendation from 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. One of these letters may be from the Udall faculty representative.
- Official transcripts of the nominee's college grades from all of the universities or colleges the nominee has attended. To make sure they are received by the deadline, nominees should request transcripts in January.

The Udall Scholarship faculty representative will combine the Nominee Information Form, nominee essay, letters of recommendation, and official transcripts with the Institution Nomination Form and submit the complete package to the Udall Scholarship review committee. Students: Please check with your faculty representative about your institution's internal deadline. The faculty representative must submit all materials. Nomination materials received directly from the student will not be considered. All nominations must be sent by the faculty representative and arrive at the Foundation by March 3, 2005.



## Scholarship Conditions

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 in August, tentatively scheduled for August 4-7, 2005.
- 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; 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 narrative of approximately 300 words, accompanied by a recent photograph, for publication. The narrative will briefly describe benefits of the Udall Scholarship.

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.

## Selection Process

An independent review committee will evaluate all complete and eligible nominations and select the most outstanding nominees.

A sample rating sheet is provided as part of the student's nomination booklet, and is posted at [www.udall.gov](http://www.udall.gov).

In awarding the scholarships, consideration will be given to the student's field of study, career objectives, and the extent to which that individual has the commitment and potential to make a significant contribution to his or her field.

## Important Dates

### September

Scholarship nomination materials mailed to faculty representatives.

### March 3

Receipt deadline for all nominations to scholarship review committee. Please note: internal deadlines at your institution may differ. Nominees should contact their faculty representative.

### Late March

Udall Scholarship review committee meets to recommend scholars.

### Late April

Announcement of Udall Scholars.

### August

Scholar Orientation Weekend (mandatory event tentatively scheduled for August 10-14, 2005).



**"I enjoyed meeting and collaborating with other enthusiastic and visionary individuals. Who knows, maybe one of us will be the next Mo Udall."**

**Linus Chen, 1997 Udall Scholar  
Boston University**

**"The August weekend spent conversing with the Udall Scholars left me charged for the present school year. The group of people I met there, with interests ranging from wind power to diplomacy, have inspired me to widen my range of experiences and to strive for a more holistic understanding of our environment."**

**Nicole Hipp, 2002 Udall Scholar  
University of Kansas**



**"Morris K. Udall worked to provide a better life for Native American peoples. Earning the privilege of being a Udall Scholar provided me with the opportunity to meet many individuals who were touched by his life. Being a part of such an important legacy has further motivated me to achieve my goal of providing superior primary health care."**

**Waseya Cornell, 1997, 1998 Udall Scholar  
Michigan State University**

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