The Morris K. and Stewart L. Udall Foundation

Established by Congress in 1992 to honor Morris K. Udall's 30 years of service in the House of Representatives and enhanced by Congressional action in 2009 to honor Stewart L. Udall's vast public service, the Morris K. and Stewart L. Udall Foundation is dedicated to educating a new generation of Americans to preserve and protect their national heritage through scholarship, fellowship, and internship programs focused on Native American and environmental issues. The Udall Foundation is also committed to promoting the principles and practice of environmental conflict resolution.
The Udall legacy

Morris Udall represented Southern Arizona in the U.S. House of Representatives. His older brother Stewart Udall also represented Southern Arizona from 1955 to 1961. The two worked together on many environmental and Native American initiatives while Stewart Udall was Secretary of the Interior and Morris Udall was a member of Congress.

(More information on "Udall Legacy" link at www.udall.gov)
The Udall Scholarship

- 50 scholarships of up to $5000
- 50 honorable mentions
- sophomores or juniors
- committed to careers in
  - environment
  - tribal public policy
- Native American health care
Environment

- policy
- engineering
- science
- education
- urban planning

- business
- health
- justice
- economics
Tribal public policy

- sovereignty
- governance
- law
- education

- natural resource management
- cultural preservation
- economic development
Native American public health

- health care administration
- medicine
- dentistry

- counseling
- public health research
- social work
Eligibility: General

- sophomore or junior
- enrolled full-time at two-year or four-year institution
- pursuing an associate's or bachelor's degree
- have a "B" average GPA or higher
- U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or permanent resident
Eligibility: Native American public policy and health

• Native American or Alaskan Native with documentation of tribal affiliation, membership, or descent

• Canadian First Nations members who are U.S. permanent residents are eligible to apply
Important dates

1 February 2013: Campus deadline
1 March 2013: Application deadline
28 March 2013: Scholars announced on website
15 April 2013: Deadline for Scholar Award
Reply
7-11 August 2013: Udall Scholar Orientation, Tucson AZ
Application components

- Basic biographical information
- Udall-specific questions (7 short-answer)
- Udall essay (800 words)
- Transcripts
- 3 letters of recommendation
Udall Essay

In 800 words or less, 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.

(Morris Udall's autobiography is called "Too Funny to be President." Amazon has it.)
Application Tips, all students

• Articulate a career "path" or field (though not necessarily a specific profession). Even if you don't know exactly what you want to do, be clear about what issues you want to work on and use the application to show readers how you're preparing yourself to make an impact.

• Tell a cohesive "story" beginning with the career goal statement and supported by activities, research, jobs/internships, transcripts, letters, and the essay.

• Use the short essay answers to demonstrate your commitment to environmental issues, tribal public policy, or Native health care.

• Demonstrate a desire for problem-solving or consensus-building. Convince the readers that you're going to make a difference.
Application tips, all students, cont'd

• **Illustrate your leadership potential.** The readers will look for students who can motivate others, bring people together, take initiative, and implement practical solutions.

• **Request your transcripts well in advance.** Remember that you'll also need to submit transcripts from any colleges or universities that you attended before your current school (except for courses taken during high school).

• **Briefly identify and explain any activities or honors** that readers are unlikely to understand.
Application tips, all students, cont'd

• Alert the Foundation to any unusual circumstances or hardship that may have affected your academic performance or limited your activities.

• Read widely among the speeches, legislation, and policy statements of Congressman Morris K. Udall or Secretary of Interior Stewart L. Udall. For the essay, choose a speech or piece of legislation that clearly relates to your interests and career goals.

• Submit all necessary materials to your faculty representative by the campus deadline. Your faculty representative must submit your complete application to the Foundation by March 1, 2013.
Application tips, Native American students

• Clearly explain how you plan to use your education and experiences to benefit your tribe or Native Americans in general.

• Demonstrate your involvement and interest in tribal communities. You may take your participation in cultural events, volunteer work, or other activities for granted, but all of these activities illustrate your commitment.

• Ask for a letter from a tribal leader or professional who can attest to your involvement with your tribe or Native American organizations, in addition to letters from professors who can attest to your academic performance and professional potential.

• Read carefully the eligibility and documentation requirements for applicants in these categories.

• Take full advantage of the resources available on the web site.
General advice

• Selection committee members work in pairs
• Read 80-90 applications per day
• Spend about 10-15 minutes on each application
• Look for
  • Coherent narrative
  • Potential for impact
  • Strong character and integrity
More general advice

• Important
  • Activities
  • Leadership
• Less important
  • Grades
• Any specific major
Remember, the campus deadline is 1 February 2013.

I'm here to help (manderse@nmsu.edu).