

## Fellowships Program Information Sheet – Udall Scholarship

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	Brief description	More information
<b>1. Award</b>	The Udall Undergraduate Scholarship awards up to \$7,000 to 55 sophomores and juniors who are passionate about issues regarding the environment or Native American health care or public policy. In addition to monetary benefits, Udall Scholars gain access to the Udall Alumni Network and attend the Scholar Orientation, a four-day networking conference in Tucson, Arizona. The Scholarship is presented by the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation, which was founded to honor the Udalls' work in resolving issues around the U.S. environment, public land, and natural resources.	<a href="https://udall.gov/OurPrograms/Scholarship/Scholarship.aspx">https://udall.gov/OurPrograms/Scholarship/Scholarship.aspx</a> There are three categories for the Udall scholarship: Tribal Policy, Native Health Care, and Environment. <a href="#">More information about who should apply for each type of Udall.</a>
<b>2. Eligibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This scholarship is open to U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals, and U.S. permanent residents. U.S. permanent residents must submit a letter stating their intent to become a U.S. citizen.</li> <li>Applicants must be in their sophomore or junior year.</li> <li>Applicants must have a GPA &gt; 3.0. The most competitive candidates will have substantially higher GPAs. Note that records of community service and leadership matter more than GPA, but applicants should possess a GPA showing either an upward or steady trend.</li> <li>Applicants may come from any major relevant to their chosen scholarship category.</li> <li>Only Native Americans and Alaska Natives are eligible to apply for the Tribal Policy or Native Health Care categories of scholarship.</li> </ul>	<a href="#">Eligibility</a> Included in the link above is further information about how "sophomore or junior" is defined.
<b>3. Timing</b>	Contact <a href="mailto:fellowships@smith.edu">fellowships@smith.edu</a> to express interest in October or November. After confirming eligibility, Fellowships Program staff will register students for access to the online application.	<a href="#">Important Dates</a> (external) <a href="#">Internal deadlines</a> apply because Smith must nominate applicants.
<b>4. Selection Criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applicants must demonstrate commitment to and well-informed awareness of issues regarding the environment or Native Americans, as well as familiarity with Morris Udall's or Stewart Udall's legacy.</li> <li>Applicants must be actively engaged in public service. This includes work in government, education, non-profit organizations, public interest groups, natural and cultural resource preservation, health care service, and campus community volunteer work.</li> <li>Applicants must exhibit strong leadership qualities such as problem solving, initiative, and the ability to bring people together.</li> </ul>	<a href="#">Advice &amp; Guidance</a> <a href="#">FAQs</a> The Udall Foundation anticipates awarding 55 scholarships in 2023. Scholars must attend the Scholar Orientation in August.
<b>5. Smith Role</b>	Students must be nominated by Smith College to be considered for the scholarship. Review by faculty and staff precedes confirmation.	
<b>6. Fun fact(s)</b>	In 2019 <a href="#">Larissa Holland, '20</a> , was named one of 55 recipients of the Udall Scholarship. She is an Environmental Science & Policy major and Architecture minor. Previously, two Smithies were selected as Udall Scholars in the environment category. One was a biology and government double major. The other was a biology major and Ada Comstock Scholar.	
<b>7. How to get started</b>	Contact <a href="mailto:fellowships@smith.edu">fellowships@smith.edu</a> . In an email, briefly explain your interest and qualifications and identify three individuals who you would like to ask for letters of recommendation.	Contact <a href="mailto:fellowships@smith.edu">fellowships@smith.edu</a>