

Udall Undergraduate Scholarship 2026

Campus Deadline: January 30, 2026 (11:59 PM CT)

National Deadline: March 4, 2026 (11:59 PM MST)

Are you working towards positive solutions to environmental challenges or to issues impacting Indian country? Have you demonstrated your commitment to one of these areas through public service? Do you inspire and motivate others to take action? Are you committed to making a difference through civility and consensus building? If you answered “yes” to these questions, the [Udall Scholarship](#) may be right for you.

The [Udall Foundation](#) awards scholarships to college sophomores and juniors for leadership, public service, and commitment to issues related to Native American nations or to the environment. The Udall scholarship honors the legacies of Morris Udall and Stewart Udall, whose careers had a significant impact on Native American self-governance, health care, and the stewardship of public lands and natural resources. **The Udall Foundation anticipates awarding 55 scholarships of up to \$7,000 each.**

To be eligible for nomination for a Udall Scholarship, a student must:

1. Be a full-time sophomore or junior-level students during the 2025-2026 academic year
2. Must be pursuing a bachelor’s degree full-time during the 2026-2027 academic year
3. Be a U.S. Citizen, U.S. National, or U.S. Permanent Resident

Additional eligibility considerations are listed and linked below:

- [Tribal Policy](#)
For Native Americans and Alaska Natives working on an array of policy issues in Indian country
- [Native Health Care](#)
For Native Americans and Alaska Natives pursuing health-related careers
- [Environment](#)
For undergraduates interested in conservation and environmental issues

Nomination Process

The University of Texas at Austin can nominate up to eight students for the Udall Scholarship. Four nominations are for the applicants in the tribal policy and/or Native health care categories and four nominations are for applicants whose careers will benefit the environment.

From <https://www.udall.gov/OurPrograms/Scholarship/Scholarship.aspx>

Students should send the following information to the CNS Scholarship Coordinator at scholarships@cns.utexas.edu in order to receive access to the Udall online application:

1. UT EID
2. First and Last Name
3. Email Address
4. Field of Study – Environment, Health Care, Tribal Public Policy
5. Nationality – U.S. Citizen, U.S. National, Permanent Resident
6. Grade Level – Junior, Sophomore

Interested students will need to complete the Udall online application consisting of the items listed below. The College of Natural Sciences will use these to determine the University's nominees.

- An 11-question application
- An 800-word essay related to the Udall Foundation's core values
- Transcripts for all college coursework
- Three letters of recommendation that speak to your leadership, public service and academic achievements
- Additional documentation is required for applicants in tribal public policy and health care, and for U.S. Permanent Residents

Applicants should have all items submitted and/or uploaded to the Udall online application system by the internal campus deadline.

The campus deadline is JANUARY 30, 2026 (11:59PM CT).

Questions? Contact scholarships@cns.utexas.edu.