

UDALL SCHOLARSHIP

Morris K. Udall (1922-1998), Congressional Representative from Arizona for thirty years, had a lasting impact on this nation's environment, public lands, and natural resources. He also championed the right of Native Americans and Alaska Natives. In recognition of his extensive public service The Morris K. Udall Foundation awards undergraduate scholarships to:

1. Students who have outstanding potential and intend to pursue careers in environmental public policy (environmental economics, political science, environmental law, environmental science, etc.); and
2. Native American and Alaska Native students who have outstanding potential and intend to pursue careers in health care or tribal public policy.

Who: Undergraduate students with sophomore or junior standing when applying. Juniors tend to have a slightly higher success rate. Applicants must be United States citizens who have maintained, at minimum, a "B" average. Applicants of Native American descent are required to demonstrate interest in health care or tribal policy. Native Americans have a slightly higher success rate.

What: This is a highly competitive scholarship program. Successful Udall Scholars receive up to \$5,000 to cover tuition and related academic costs. Approximately 80 scholarships are given each year out of an applicant pool that varies from 400 to over 600 students each year. Honorable mention scholarships provide \$350 to each recipient. Successful candidates can receive two years of support.

When: Application process occurs early during the spring semester. You should contact the faculty representative (Dr. Kim Derrickson, Biology, x2197, kderrickson@loyola.edu) as early as possible. A completed information form (on-line at www.udall.gov), an essay (which is extremely important), three letters of recommendation, and current transcripts need to be submitted. Please plan on submitting initial drafts to the faculty representative by late January. Loyola must submit completed applications in very early March.

Where: Besides national recognition and recognition by state representatives, these awards are highly prized. They truly indicate someone with a strong future and are very well received by graduate and internship programs. You also get a four-day orientation trip to Tucson, Arizona. Some scholars make additional trips west to help orient subsequent scholars.