



## Udall Scholarship Application Instructions and Advice

**Campus Deadline: 5 January 2010**

**Submitted electronically to: [goldbeja@lafayette.edu](mailto:goldbeja@lafayette.edu)**

### Application:

- ◆ A completed Udall Scholarship Application (available under Application Materials at <http://udall.gov/pdf/scholar/2010ScholarshipApplication.pdf>) [N.B. If you are going to be **studying off campus Spring 2010**, please include a **SIGNED hard copy of page 1** of the application that we may use if you are selected as a nominee];
- ◆ An 800-word essay, as described in Section E of the Application discussing one or more significant public speeches, legislative acts, or public policy statements by Congressman Morris K. Udall and its/their impact on your field of study, interests, and career goals [N.B. If you are going to be **studying off campus Spring 2010**, please include **3 copies of a blank page with your SIGNATURE at the bottom of the page** that we may use if you are selected as a nominee];
- ◆ The names and contact information of at least three (3) individuals who have agreed to write you *strong* academic letters of recommendation, as described in Section F of the Application. You will need: (1) a letter discussing your potential; (2) a letter from a faculty member in your field of study; and (3) a letter attesting to your capabilities. [N.B. For the campus selection of nominees, letters of recommendation should be emailed by recommenders to Dean Goldberg ([goldbeja@lafayette.edu](mailto:goldbeja@lafayette.edu))]; and
- ◆ Transcripts [N.B. If you are going to be **studying off campus Spring 2010**, please be sure to **request official transcripts with your Fall 2009 grades** from the Registrar's Office. Have these transcripts sent to Dean Goldberg.]

**Submit Completed Applications Electronically as Email Attachments, Including Letters of Recommendation by 5 January 2010 to: [goldbeja@lafayette.edu](mailto:goldbeja@lafayette.edu) For the Campus Application Selection Committee.**

### Application Advice:

- ◆ Use questions 2, 4, 5, 6 & 7 to reveal your values, interests, and motivation to pursue a career related to the environment.
- ◆ Include any unusual circumstances or hardship that may have affected your academic performance or limited your activities.

- ◆ Research Congressman Udall's life and legacy. The following is but one source of information: <http://dizzy.library.arizona.edu/branches/spc/udall/homepage.html>. There are others! The Essay is an essential component of the application and is an area where most applications are weak.
- ◆ The Essay is neither a personal essay nor a policy proposal, the Udall Scholarship essay falls somewhere in between. The best essays demonstrate a sophisticated and nuanced understanding of Congressman Udall's environmental legacy, and clearly relate the chosen topic to the nominee's interests and career goals. It is, perhaps, the most critical component of the application! Don't take it lightly. Analyze a significant speech, legislative act, etc. (or relate two or more) and then integrate that into a discussion of how that/those work/s impacts your interests, studies and career goals.
  1. Read widely among Congressman Udall's public speeches, legislative acts, and policy statements in order to select a topic that clearly relates to your field of study, interests, and career goals.
  2. Choose one or more speeches or pieces of legislation that clearly relate to your interests and career goals.
  3. Know the topic well. If your topic is "Energy and the American Future," analyze Congressman Udall's proposed energy policy in the context of contemporary environmental and energy challenges, and its relevance to current situations.
  4. Make the connection. Demonstrate how and why the topic is relevant to you. For example, one nominee analyzed the significance of the term "fight" in "Man: Endangered Species" and asked what "fighting the fight" means to him, his activities, and his future goals.
  5. Useful Mo Udall information and websites, in addition to the links from the Udall website under "About Morris K. Udall", include the Library of Congress website database of legislation, searchable by keyword including sponsor (<http://thomas.loc.gov>). Kirby Library has the *Annual Almanac* by CQ (Congressional Quarterly). The *Congressional Record* provides complete information on all speeches by Udall on the floor of the House. *The US Code Congressional and Administrative News* provides detailed legislative histories, especially committee reports. And the Kirby Librarian, Mercedes Sharpless, is a tremendous resource.
- ◆ Consistency: Ask yourself if your commitment to the environment shines through in every answer. (What are you currently doing that demonstrates that commitment? What problems or issues do you hope to redress/address? How will your educational goals and career plans help you address those issues/problems?)
- ◆ Take advantage of the materials provided under "For Faculty Representatives: The Role of the FacRep" on the Udall homepage. There you will find a sample of the rating form used, insights into how the applications are read, and frequent problems afflicting applications.

**Scholars and Honorable Mentions will be selected on the basis of:**

- ◆ Demonstrated commitment to environmental issues through substantial contributions to and participation in one or more of the following: campus activities, research, community or public service;
- ◆ An indication that this commitment is ongoing and may contribute to the shaping of environmental issues, whether through scientific advances, public or political service, community action, etc.; and
- ◆ Leadership, character, a desire to make a difference, and general well-roundedness.

For more information on the Udall Undergraduate Scholarship and for the application materials, please visit the Udall website at [www.udall.gov](http://www.udall.gov). The website provides substantive information for putting together a strong, competitive application.

As an Udall Scholar or Honorable Mention you will be recognized for your academic excellence and commitment to the greater good. You will also join the ranks of fellow Lafayette students such as Gabriella Engelhart '05, Hart Feuer '05, and Debra Perrone '08.

**CAMPUS DEADLINE: 5 JANUARY 2010**

**SUBMIT APPLICATIONS ELECTRONICALLY AS EMAIL ATTACHMENTS TO:  
DEAN GOLDBERG, ASSOCIATE DEAN OF THE COLLEGE, AT [goldbeja@lafayette.edu](mailto:goldbeja@lafayette.edu).**

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