

The Telluride Association

Reese Miller International Exchange Scholarship Instructions

Dear Applicant,

Please find below the application for the Reese Miller International Exchange Scholarship.

The terms of the Reese Miller International Exchange Scholarship are as follows:

- The selected candidate will receive a tuition waiver from the host department. Departments to which CEU candidates may apply for the 2009-2010 Scholarship are the programs in History, Medieval Studies, City and Regional Planning, and the Cornell Institute of Public Affairs.
- The Telluride Association will pay for the selected candidate's room/board through accommodation at the Telluride House located on the Cornell University campus.
- The Telluride Association will pay for one round-trip airfare between the selected candidate's home country (or Hungary) and the United States.
- The Telluride Association will provide the selected candidate with a modest living stipend for the duration of the Scholarship period.
- The Telluride Association will cover the cost of the selected candidate's health insurance through the Cornell University Student Health Insurance Program.
- The disbursement of funds for airfare, stipend, and health insurance will not exceed \$12,800. The room and board scholarship are calculated separately.

Application instructions:

- Parts I and III (General Information and Essays and Writing Sample): Submit to Sarah Weiger at sarah.weiger@tellurideassociation.org or mail it to the Cornell Branch of the Telluride Association (address below).
- Part II (Recommendation Letters and Transcript) should be mailed to the Cornell Branch of the Telluride Association: **217 West Ave, Ithaca, NY 14850, USA.**
- Supplementary materials are not expected and cannot be returned to you, but may be included if you feel they will *significantly* enhance your application.
- Questions about applications should be directed to lynn.eckert@tellurideassociation.org and sarah.weiger@tellurideassociation.org.
- **LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED. Complete applications (all three parts) must be received by 5:00 pm on 30 January 2009. This is not a postmark deadline; please allow adequate time for mailing.**

DO NOT SUBMIT ANY APPLICATION MATERIALS DIRECTLY TO CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

If you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact Lynn Eckert at lynn.eckert@tellurideassociation.org and Sarah Weiger at sarah.weiger@tellurideassociation.org.

Sincerely,

Sarah Weiger, Chair, and Lynn Eckert, CEU/Cornell Coordinator
Overseas Exchange Committee
The Telluride Association

- Extracurricular and Community Service Activities

Activity

Position Held

Dates and Hours/Week

- Work Experience

Employer

Activity / Position Held

Dates and Hours/Week

How did you first learn of this exchange? _____

The information provided herein is accurate to the best of my knowledge. The essays attached are my own work.

Signature

Date

Part Two

Please include the following with your application:

- An *official* transcript from the academic institution you currently attend or have most recently attended. If your current transcript does not show at least two semesters of grades, also include an official transcript from the previous institution you attended.
- *Exactly* two letters of recommendation, at least one of which is from an instructor/professor. Each letter of recommendation should be printed on official letterhead and enclosed in an envelope signed at the seal.

For exceptional circumstances, please contact sarah.weiger@tellurideassociation.org.

Part Three

*In evaluating your application, we will consider more than the facts of your accomplishments. The following essays are extremely significant in our acceptance decisions. All essays should be **single-spaced** and in a standard 12 point font, with 1 inch margins on all sides. **Essays 1-3 each should be 1-2 pages. Essay 4 should be 2-3 pages.***

Essay 1:

Please describe your education and career plans, as well as factors that have influenced you in reaching these decisions. As it is applicable, discuss people, activities, or events that have been important in shaping you (e.g. family, academic coursework, travel, organizations, service work, obstacles you have overcome).

Essay 2:

The recipient of the Miller Scholarship will live at the Cornell Branch of the Telluride Association (CBTA), a self-governing residential community of roughly 25 undergraduate and graduate students. How might we think about conflict in the context of democratic self-governance, and what strategies for conflict resolution might be most useful in such an environment? Please approach this question from a practical standpoint, preferably with reference to a specific conflict. This essay should demonstrate an understanding of both the assets and liabilities of democratic self-governance and group living. (To learn more about life in the house, please visit the house website: www.telluridehouse.org. Our 2008-09 Miller scholars, Oana Paltineanu of CEU (paltineanu_oana@phd.ceu.hu) and Morgan Ng of Cornell (mcn32@cornell.edu) have also offered to answer questions you might have about life at the Cornell Branch House.)

Essay 3:

Discuss your current research program and describe how you will make use of your time at the Cornell University. How will studying at Cornell University advance your academic progress? With whom or in which department do you plan to work and why would this professor/department be a good match for your research interests?

Essay 4 (Writing Sample):

Please submit a sample of your written work. This can be a paper that you submitted for a class, for your thesis/dissertation, or for publication. The reader of this material may not be from your field of study, therefore, we recommend that you add a short introduction that can introduce the topic and make it accessible to a non-specialist. Please limit your submission to 20-30 double-spaced pages.

Other Considerations

The selected Miller Scholar will be expected to attend the Annual Telluride Association Convention after the Exchange. The Convention usually takes place in mid-June for four days. At the Convention after the Exchange, the Miller Scholar will be expected to discuss his/her experiences and findings at a public forum. The Telluride Association will cover costs associated with attending the Annual Convention.