

Telluride Association Summer Programs (TASP)

Eligibility: high school juniors.

What is it? Like TASS, TASP is a six-week long, intense college-level seminar focusing on the liberal arts. Topics change yearly, and unlike TASS do not typically center around Critical Black and Ethnic Studies. Four seminars are currently held at the University of Michigan and Cornell University.

Application Process: Very similar to TASS, with essays and an interview process. Applications are due January 19th, 2016. For more information, go to

http://www.tellurideassociation.org/programs/high_school_students/tasp/tasp_general_info.html.

Cornell Branch of Telluride Association (CBTA)

Eligibility: students applying to Cornell or currently enrolled at Cornell

What is it? A residential community organized around intellectual inquiry, community self-government, and community living, in which residents hold substantial responsibility for the day-to-day operation of their community and determining the goals and focus of life in the house. Residents receive a full room and board scholarship for five years or until they complete their Cornell degree (whichever comes first), contingent on fulfilling certain house responsibilities, including delivering a PubSpeak, participating in reading summer program applications, and maintaining a 3.0 GPA.

Application Process: A series of essays and an application due September 15; some applicants advance to an interview conducted by current housemembers. Those granted preferment (accepted into the house) should hear during October and have until summer to accept, defer, or reject the offer.

For more information:

http://tellurideassociation.org/programs/university_students/cornell_branch/cb_general_information.html; or cbta.apply@tellurideassociation.org

Michigan Branch of Telluride Association (MBTA)

Eligibility: students applying to the University of Michigan or currently enrolled at the University of Michigan

What is it?: A residential community organized around intellectual inquiry, community self-government, and community service, in which residents hold substantial responsibility for the day-to-day operation of their community and determining the goals and focus of life in the house. Residents also organize a collaborative yearly community-based project that bring issues of government and community involvement to light, combining practical work with research and analysis. Residents receive a full room and board scholarship for five years or until they complete their Michigan degree (whichever comes first), contingent on fulfilling certain house responsibilities, including delivering a PubSpeak, participating in reading summer program applications, and maintaining a 3.0 GPA.

Application Process: TASS alums are eligible to apply in either the fall or spring cycle. For the fall cycle, a series of essays and an application due 4pm on October 5; some applicants advance to an interview conducted by current housemembers. Those granted preferment (accepted into the house) in the fall cycle should hear during November and have until summer to accept, defer, or reject the offer. The dates for spring cycle are not available, but the process will be very similar.

For more information:

http://tellurideassociation.org/programs/university_students/michigan_branch/mb_general_information.html; <http://www.telluride-house.com/>; or mbta.apply@tellurideassociation.org

Deep Springs College*

Eligibility: college-aged men. Currently pursuing legal permission to become co-educational, but unable to accept applications from women at this time.

What is it? A two-year college and working alfalfa farm and cattle ranch organized around the three pillars of academics, labor, and self-governance. Students hold substantial responsibility for the day-to-day functioning and direction of the college, ranch, and farm, including designing the curriculum, hiring faculty and staff, admitting students, branding and eventually butchering cattle, harvesting alfalfa, and much else. Students receive a full scholarship for attendance and most go on to transfer to some of the most prestigious colleges and universities.

Application Process: A two-stage process, beginning with an application form, submission of test scores and transcripts, and several essays due on November 7. Second stage includes several additional essays and an on-site interview and visit to Deep Springs.

For more information: <http://www.deepsprings.edu/home> or apcom@deepsprings.edu

*Telluride and Deep Springs were both founded by L. L. Nunn and have a long-standing relationship, but are separate, independent institutions.

Arete Seminar**

Eligibility: women in college or within a year of college graduation

What is it? An eight-week Nunnian summer program, as a foundational project to eventually create a women's college similar to Deep Springs. Participants attend an intensive college-level seminar, engage in substantial community self-government and participate in a demanding program of agricultural labor. As Arete is still young and the program is expensive to operate, students are required to pay around \$500 to attend, although may apply for a scholarship to cover these costs.

Application process: An application form and several essays. Specific information for the 2016 programs currently unavailable.

For more information: www.areteproject.org.

**Telluride and Arete are both Nunnian educational projects, but, as of yet, have no formal institutional relationship (although both institutions are in the process of exploring this possibility). A Telluride Association member currently helps administer Arete on a volunteer basis.

Factotumship

Eligibility: alumni of any Telluride program, Deep Springs, or Arete or current students at University of Michigan, Indiana University, or Cornell University, starting in the summer of their sophomore year.

What is it? *Factotum* is a faux Latin word for “those who do everything.” Factotums hold substantial day-to-day responsibility for the day-to-day functioning of the summer programs, including acting as teaching assistants for one of the seminars, keeping track of program finances, serving as a residential assistant, facilitating community self-government and the community service project, and much else. They are remunerated \$4,575, plus room and board during the program and preparation. TASS factotums receive an additional \$300 for additional writing coach responsibilities.

Application process: An application form with a series of essays due on October 15. Second stage includes an on-site interview, usually at CBTA in Ithaca, New York.

For more information:

http://tellurideassociation.org/programs/university_students/summer_employment.html or ellen.baer@tellurideassociation.org

Interviewing summer program applicants

Eligibility: alumni of any Telluride program after their high school graduation

What is it?: Volunteer interviewers receive applications for their area, are asked to arrange a committee of alums to conduct interview with each applicant and submit both an individual report on each candidate and a report on the pool as a whole. Interview expenses are reimbursable.

How can I get involved? The Telluride office sends out an e-mail each year soliciting volunteers. To put yourself on the list in advance, e-mail telluride@cornell.edu.

Telluride Association

Eligibility: alumni of any Telluride program after their sophomore year of college. MBTA or CBTA members, Deep Springs College students, and former factotums are eligible to apply directly. Summer program alumni with no other prior experience are required to first serve a year as an adjunct – a non-voting, full participant in a Telluride Association committee – to become more fully familiar with the Association and its processes and procedures.

What is it? Members – or trustees – of Telluride Association collectively are responsible for most of the day-to-day operations and major policy decisions about all aspects of the Association’s business. Members often serve on one or more committees during the Telluride year and regularly attend our four-day business meeting – Convention – where we review the work of standing committees and vote on issues which concern the whole Association.

Committees handle both the direct operation of programs – recruiting and selecting summer program participants, hiring factotums and summer program faculty, providing guidance and support to the branches and participating in preferment decisions – but also the broader

infrastructural needs of the Association – handling alumni relations, soliciting donations, managing our investment portfolio, managing employees. Membership in the association is a rare educational opportunity to play such varied and significant roles, well before most people would have access to positions of great responsibility in their professional lives.

Application process: An application, including a brief form, several essays, and a quiz on Telluride’s governing documents, followed by an in-person interview at Convention and active participation in a Convention committee.

For more information: e-mail TA Recruitment and Applications Officer – currently Michael Barany, accessible at michael.barany@tellurideassociation.org; liable to change each Telluride year

E. M. Johnson Memorial Award

Eligibility: alumni of all Telluride programs, except current Association members

What is it? A one-time essay contest on “The Purpose, Promise, and Practices of Telluride Association.” Essays will be no more than 1,000 words and shall be selected for prizes based on their depth of analysis and grace in verbal expression, and should observe the norms of academic punctuation and style. In each of two categories (alumni who have not yet received a bachelor’s degree and those who have already received a bachelor’s degree), a first, second, and third prize will be awarded. The first prize shall be for \$1,000, the second for \$750, and the third for \$500. Essays are due by October 15.

For more information: e-mail Awards Committee Chair Suzanne Hagedorn at suzanne.hagedorn@tellurideassociation.org or at awards@tellurideassociation.org. For a submission form and guidelines, visit the Telluride Association website here: http://www.tellurideassociation.org/programs/us_awards.html#nunn.

Mansfield-Wefald Senior Thesis Prize

Eligibility: alumni of any Telluride program in their final year of undergraduate education

What is it?: A prize for \$1,000 in honor of Mary Mansfield and Eric Wefald, two Association members who died tragically in 1989, offered for the best scholarly thesis written by a Telluride associate.

Application process: submit a brief form, a 1-2 page thesis abstract, and the thesis to telluride@tellurideassociation.org by the application deadline in early May

For more information: http://tellurideassociation.org/programs/us_awards.html; or e-mail Awards Committee Chair Suzanne Hagedorn at suzanne.hagedorn@tellurideassociation.org or at awards@tellurideassociation.org.

Mike Yarrow Adventurous Education Award

Eligibility: any Telluride Association affiliate who is enrolled in formal education at some point during the 2015 calendar year and over the age of 18 by the time of travel. Must have a

demonstrated need for summer earnings and a demonstrated commitment to Telluride Association.

Application process: a brief form and a number of essays, targeted at demonstrating a clear plan for the service project and the preparation of the applicant to successfully complete the project, submitted to telluride@tellurideassociation.org by the application deadline in early spring

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