



TELLURIDE ASSOCIATION

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TELLURIDE ASSOCIATION SUMMER PROGRAMS

2011 PROGRAM APPLICATION

June 26–August 6, 2011

TO THE CANDIDATE

Telluride Association is pleased to invite you to apply for a place in the 2011 Telluride Association Summer Programs.

The Telluride Association Summer Programs—TASPs, for short—and the four seminars we are offering in 2011 are described in the enclosed brochure. All written applications are evaluated by trained, experienced readers, who select 130 to 140 applicants for interviews. Of those interviewed, 64 will be offered places in our 2011 programs. Last year, over 1,000 students applied, from throughout the United States and abroad.

Please read the entire brochure and application form before you begin to complete it. As you will see, the application asks you to examine your educational goals and write several original essays on topics that interest you. We hope you find the experience of writing the essays personally challenging and educationally rewarding. We promise a careful reading of whatever you submit.

The application is in two parts. Part I, on the inside pages of this folder, requests biographical and family information; and part II, on the back of this folder, explains the essays we ask you to submit. If you decide to apply, the completed application must be postmarked no later than **January 21, 2011**. We encourage applicants to apply online if possible. The online applications can be found at <http://tasp.tellurideassociation.org>. Online applicants have until **January 24, 2011** (11:59:59 PM Pacific U.S. time) to submit their applications. *If you apply online, please do not also send a paper application.*

Answers to some common questions about the application and the program can be found at http://www.tellurideassociation.org/tasp_faq. Further inquiries should be directed to tasp-queries@tellurideassociation.org or 607 273-5011. We hope you decide to apply to this unique summer program.

Sincerely,

Linda Louie, Chair
Summer Program Committee

Michael Barany, Chair
Applications and Recruitment Committee

Ellen Baer, Administrative Director
Telluride Association
607 273-5011
telluride@tellurideassociation.org

Mail your completed application to:
Administrative Director
Telluride Association
217 West Avenue
Ithaca, NY 14850

To apply online go to

<http://tasp.tellurideassociation.org>

Name: _____ last first middle Gender: _____

Address: _____ street address

_____ city state zip code country

Telephone: home: _____ area code number cell: _____ area code number

E-mail address: _____

Best way to reach you to schedule an interview: _____

Date of birth: _____ Place of birth: _____ city state country

Is English your primary language at home? Yes No

If no, what is your primary home language? _____

What languages other than English do you speak or read fluently? _____

Have you previously participated in a Telluride Program? Yes No

If not, how did you hear about our program? _____

Describe your race or ethnic identity in a few words (optional): _____

Select the closest corresponding category from the following list (optional):

- African American, African, Black
- American Indian, Alaska Native (Tribal affiliation _____)
- Asian American
- Asian, including Indian Subcontinent
- Hispanic, Latino
- Mexican American, Chicano
- Puerto Rican
- Caribbean, West Indies
- Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander
- Euro-American, White, Caucasian
- Biracial, Multiracial
- Other _____

Do you qualify for a Federal free or reduced-price lunch program? Yes No

Type of community: Rural Suburban Urban Other _____

Type of school: Public Public magnet Private Parochial Charter Other _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian: _____ Parent/Guardian: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

Daytime phone number: _____ Daytime phone number: _____

Occupation: _____ Occupation: _____

Education: Incomplete H.S. Diploma/GED 2-Year/Vocational/Some College Bachelor's Master's Ph.D. J.D. M.D. Other _____

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Community activities: _____ Community activities: _____

Brothers and sisters: Name	Age	Current level of education being pursued or highest degree obtained
_____	_____	_____
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Program:

_____ Cornell I

_____ Cornell II

_____ Michigan I

_____ Michigan II

*Please note:
When you photocopy this
application, place this page on top.
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PART 2

Please provide, in addition to the information you have supplied in part I, complete but concise answers to all of the following questions (see "Directions for Submitting Your Application by Mail," item 1, below). Your answers should show us your personality, your interests, and your ability to think critically about topics of your own choosing. These essays are the primary basis for our admissions decisions. Each essay should be no more than 1,500 words (approximately 2 single-spaced pages) in length.

1. Write a critical analysis of a book, poem, play, essay, or other text you have read **outside of school**. It will be important for you to formulate an argument about the text and support it. Your analysis should not be a plot summary or an analysis of literary devices, although you should feel free to discuss plot and literary devices as they relate to your broader argument.
2. Discuss a specific problem or topic in a field that interests you. You may address political, philosophical, social, literary, aesthetic, or other questions. Your essay should represent your own views and thoughts; it should not be a research paper.
3. TASPs are small, educational communities that rely greatly on individual members' maturity. Write an essay discussing a conflict you have faced and attempted to resolve that led you to new insights about yourself and/or other people.
4. Describe your hopes and plans for your future education and career. What experiences motivated or influenced these hopes and plans? If you feel indecisive about your goals, explain the reasons for your indecision.
5. Discuss the topics of the seminars, in the order of your preference for attending each, addressing the following: What attracts you to this seminar? What would you like to gain from this seminar topic? What concerns would you have if placed into this seminar? Please indicate if there is any seminar you would definitely not want to attend, and explain why. Please be succinct. We do not expect a formal essay. Your answers to this question will help us to place you in an appropriate seminar if you are selected.
6. List the titles and authors (where applicable) of some of the books you have read in the past year that you consider most significant, for whatever reason, along with any periodicals you read regularly. Indicate with an asterisk which books you read for school. This should not be a list of every book you have read in the past year.

DIRECTIONS FOR SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION BY MAIL

If applying by mail, please follow these instructions carefully. We encourage you to apply online if possible.

1. Type your essays on 8.5" x 11" (standard letter-size) paper if possible. Use single spacing, and type on only one side of each page. Number the pages of your essays, and put your name at the top of each page.
2. After you have finished parts I and II of the application, make **two** copies each of the two-page application form and the accompanying essays. **You must mail the original and one copy of the application form and essays to the address below.** Keep one copy for yourself. We do not accept applications via fax or e-mail.
3. Assemble your application as follows: (a) Fold the application form so that your name and address are on top. (b) Place the originals of your essays inside the application folder. (c) Fasten the pages of the photocopy of your application with paper clips (**do not staple**) and stack them behind the original.
4. Mail your application in a large manila envelope to Ellen Baer, Administrative Director, Telluride Association, 217 West Avenue, Ithaca, NY 14850.
5. Your application must be postmarked by **January 21, 2011**.

TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION ONLINE, go to <http://tasp.tellurideassociation.org>.

If you apply online, your application is due a few days later, on **January 24, 2011**, 11:59:59 PM Pacific U.S. time. Please do not also submit a paper application.

Note: Students who are selected for interviews will need to request a transcript and letter of recommendation immediately following notification from Telluride Association in early March. Further instructions will be given at that time.



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Telluride Association does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national or ethnic origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or physical disability.

Applicants who plagiarize all or part of their application will not be considered for admission to the program. Students who plagiarize all or part of their application will have their application returned to them. Telluride Association and its officers may also, at its own discretion, contact the staff of these students' respective schools in order to notify them of any instance of plagiarism.

It is the policy of Telluride Association not to grant any special consideration, positive or negative, to students who apply to summer programs when those students have a parent or sibling who has participated in or been employed by a TA program. Immediate family members of current TASP faculty are ineligible to apply.

Telluride Association occasionally shares applicants' names and addresses with our partner institutions for the purpose of informing them of scholarship and other opportunities.