



2010 PROGRAM APPLICATION
June 27–August 7, 2010

TO THE CANDIDATE

Telluride Association is pleased to invite you to apply for a place in the 2010 Telluride Association Sophomore Seminars. *This is your invitation to apply:* you have received it by virtue of test scores, direct recommendation, or an expressed interest. However, if you choose not to apply and know of a peer who might be interested in our program, feel free to pass it on to him or her. You may also have that person contact the Telluride Association office at the address below.

The Telluride Association Sophomore Seminars—TASS, for short—are described in the enclosed brochure. Please read the entire brochure and application form before deciding whether to apply.

All applications are evaluated by trained, experienced readers, who select roughly 80 to 100 applicants for interviews. Of those interviewed, 36 will be offered places in our 2010 program. The application asks you to examine your educational goals and write about several important matters 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 of this form, requests biographical and family information; and part II, on the back, explains the essays we ask you to submit. If you decide to apply, the complete application must be postmarked no later than **January 8, 2010**. We encourage applicants to apply online if possible. The online application can be found at <http://tass.tellurideassociation.org>. Online applicants have until **January 11, 2010** (midnight Pacific time) to submit their applications. **(If you apply online, please do not also send a paper application.)**

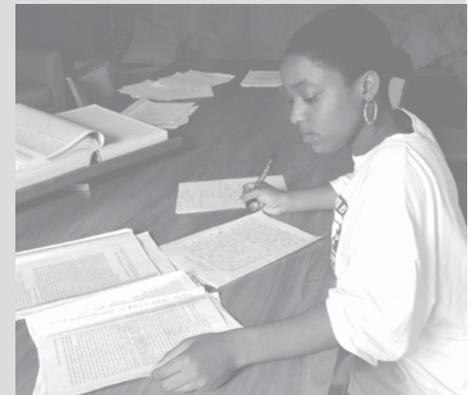
We hope you decide to apply to this unusual and exciting educational program.

Sincerely,

Kenneth McGill, Co-Chair
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Mail your completed application to:
Administrative Director
Telluride Association
217 West Avenue
Ithaca, NY 14850



To apply online go to

<http://tass.tellurideassociation.org>

Name: _____ Gender: _____

last first middle

Address: _____

street address

city state zip code country

Telephone: _____

area code number

E-mail address: _____

Best way to reach you to schedule an interview: telephone e-mail

Date of birth: _____ Place of birth: _____

city state country

Describe your race or ethnicity 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

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

Type of community: Rural Suburban Urban Other _____

Do you qualify for a free or reduced-price lunch program at your school? Yes No

How did you hear about our program? _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian: _____ Parent/Guardian: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

Daytime phone number: _____ Daytime phone number: _____

Occupation: _____ Occupation: _____

Education: Incomplete HS/GED Education: Incomplete HS/GED

2-Year/Vocational/Some College Bachelor's 2-Year/Vocational/Some College Bachelor's

Master's Ph.D. J.D. M.D. Master's Ph.D. J.D. M.D.

Other _____ Other _____

Community activities: _____ Community activities: _____

Brothers and sisters:

Name	Age	Education
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____



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Readers:
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Program:
____ Indiana
____ Michigan

Notes:

Please note: When you photocopy this application, place this page on top. (over)

PART 2

Please provide, in addition to the information you have supplied in part I, complete answers to the following questions (see "Directions for Submitting Your Application by Mail," below). Your answers should give us some sense of your personality, your interests, and your ability to think critically about topics of your own choosing. These essays are the primary basis for our acceptance decisions. Please be sure to answer all of the questions.

1. List some of the books you have read in the last year and any newspapers or magazines you read regularly. Indicate which books you read for school and which you read on your own.
2. What are your plans and objectives for future education? If you have specific career possibilities in mind, discuss what has influenced your choice.
3. Choose a passage from a book that fascinated, disturbed, or inspired you, and analyze *how and why it did so*. If you prefer, you may discuss a scene from a film, a scene from a theater performance, a musical composition, or a work of visual art. The suggested essay length is 1 to 2 single-spaced pages. If you choose to evaluate a song, please include a typed copy of the lyrics. Please do not send audiotapes.
4. Discuss a significant issue in the experiences of African Americans. Your topic may deal with political, social, or historical issues, or any other aspect of these topics that is of interest to you. Explain the nature of the issue, why you think it is important, and your own opinion about it. You may research the topic if you wish, but your focus should be on expressing your own ideas. The suggested length is 1 to 2 single-spaced pages.
5. Discuss and rank, in order of preference, each of the seminar topics offered. Explain the reasons for your preferences. Also, please state if you definitely would *not* want to attend a particular seminar. We try to honor preferences when possible.

DIRECTIONS FOR SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION BY MAIL

Please follow these instructions carefully. They may seem tricky, but following our directions ensures that none of your application's components are misplaced and guarantees its prompt consideration.

1. Type your essays on 8½" x 11" 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. If a computer or typewriter is not available, you may handwrite your essays, but please make sure that your handwriting is legible.
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 copy of your application with a paper clip (**do not staple**) and stack it behind the original.
4. Mail your complete application in a large manila envelope to Administrative Director, Telluride Association, 217 West Avenue, Ithaca, NY 14850.
5. Your application must be postmarked by **January 8, 2010**.

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

Due date for online application submission: **January 11, 2010**, midnight Pacific 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.

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.

It is the policy of Telluride Association to not 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 TASS 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.

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