



TELLURIDE ASSOCIATION

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TELLURIDE ASSOCIATION SOPHOMORE SEMINARS

2014 PROGRAM APPLICATION

June 22–August 2, 2014

TO THE CANDIDATE

Telluride Association is pleased to invite you to apply for a place in the 2014 Telluride Association Sophomore Seminars! All students attend our seminars on full scholarships, and the program is open to every high school sophomore with a passion for learning, sharing ideas, and living in a tight-knit community of like-minded sophomores from around the country and the world. You received this mailing because a teacher, counselor, or someone else who knows you told us that you might fit that description. To find out more about our unique program, please read the enclosed brochure and visit our website (tass.tellurideassociation.org).

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 2014 program. These 36 students will be split into two communities of 18, each located at one of our partner universities and each dedicated to a specific intellectual topic. 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 information about your background and activities; and part II, on the back, explains the essays we ask you to submit. If you decide to apply, the completed application must be postmarked no later than **January 8, 2014**. We encourage applicants to apply online if possible. The online application can be found at tass.tellurideassociation.org. Online applicants have until **January 9, 2014** (11:59 p.m. Eastern U.S. time) to submit their applications. *(If you apply online, please do not also send a paper application.)*

Answers to some of the most common questions about the application and the program can be found at tellurideassociation.org/tass_faq. If you have further inquiries, please direct them to tass-queries@tellurideassociation.org or 607.273.5011. We hope you will decide to apply for this life-changing educational experience!

Sincerely,

Alan Mishler, Chair
Applications and Recruitment Committee
Telluride Association

Ellen Baer, Administrative Director
Telluride Association
607.273.5011, telluride@tellurideassociation.org

OR
Mail your completed application to:

Administrative Director
Telluride Association
217 West Avenue
Ithaca, NY 14850

To apply online go to
tass.tellurideassociation.org

Name: _____ last first middle Gender: _____

Address: _____ street address

_____ city state zip code country

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

Email 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? _____

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: _____

Email: _____ Email: _____

Occupation: _____ Occupation: _____

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

Community activities: _____ Community activities: _____

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

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Officer:

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Program:

_____ Indiana

_____ Michigan

Notes:

*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” 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. If you are selected, your essays will be shared with TASS faculty and tutors.

1. List the titles and authors of 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. If you feel indecisive about your goals, explain the reasons for your indecision.
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 (or no more than 1,500 words).
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 this topic 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 (or no more than 1,500 words).
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. Your answers to this question will help us to place you in an appropriate seminar if you are selected.

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. Print your essays single-spaced in 10- or 12-point font on standard letter-size (8.5” x 11”) paper, single-sided. Number the pages and put your name at the top of each page.
2. Assemble your application as follows:
 - If you received the application form as a single sheet of paper, fold it so that your name and address are on top and place your essays in order inside.
 - If you printed your application, put the two pages labeled “Part 1” on top, starting with the page with your name, address, and family information, then put your essays in order. You do not need to enclose the pages with our letter to you or the “Part 2” instructions.
3. Mail your application in an envelope large enough that you do not have to fold your essays to Ellen Baer, Administrative Director, Telluride Association, 217 West Avenue, Ithaca, NY 14850, so that it is postmarked by **January 8, 2014**.
4. **You are encouraged to keep a copy of both Part 1 and your essays to help you prepare for your interview, if selected.**

TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION ONLINE, go to tass.tellurideassociation.org

If you apply online, your application is due a day later, on **January 9, 2014**, 11:59 p.m. Eastern 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 have their application returned to them and will not be considered for admission into the program. 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 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.