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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 Summer Programs.

The Telluride Association Summer Programs—TASPs, for short—and the three seminars we are offering in 2010 are described in the enclosed brochure. All written applications are evaluated by trained, experienced readers, who select 110 to 130 applicants for interviews. Of those interviewed, 50 will be offered places in our 2010 programs. Last year, nearly 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 22, 2010**. We encourage applicants to apply online if possible. The online applications can be found at <http://tasp.tellurideassociation.org>. Online applicants have until **January 25, 2010**, to submit their applications. *If you apply online, please do not also send a paper application.*

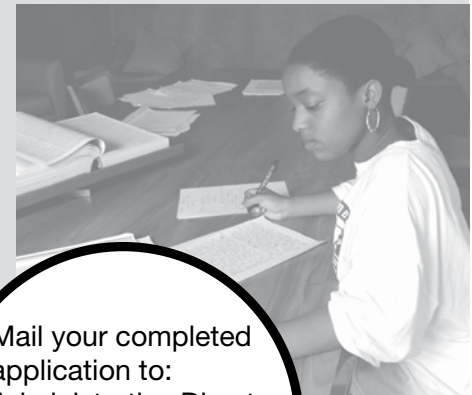
Answers to some common questions about the application and the program can be found at http://www.tellurideassociation.org/tasp_faqs. Further inquiries should be directed to tasp-queries@tellurideassociation.org or 607 273-5011. We hope you decide to apply to this unique summer program.

Sincerely,

Linda Louie, Co-Chair
Summer Program Committee

Holly LaDue, Co-Chair
Summer Program Committee

Ellen Baer, Administrative Director
Telluride Association
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Mail your completed application to:
Administrative Director
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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. TASP’s 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 22, 2010**.

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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.