



TASS

TELLURIDE ASSOCIATION SOPHOMORE SEMINAR (TASS)

TASS is a free academic opportunity for talented, intellectually curious high school sophomores (rising juniors) to participate in a challenging, six-week summer seminar and shape a dynamic African American learning community. Since 1993, TASS has provided a life-changing, intellectually stimulating experience for high school students from diverse backgrounds across the United States and beyond.

We offer seminars in critical Black and ethnic studies in partnership with Cornell University, Indiana University, and the University of Michigan. All programs are provided at no cost to participants.

WHO PARTICIPATES IN TASS?

Telluride Association seeks intellectually curious, public-spirited young people from a wide variety of life experiences and backgrounds. We focus on applicants' intellectual promise, interpersonal awareness, and leadership, not on traditional measures of academic performance.

WHAT DO TASSers DO?

At each TASS, twelve to eighteen students explore new academic interests and find their intellectual voice in a tightly knit community of scholars. TASSers live together and participate together in a three-hour seminar that meets each weekday morning with two college professors. TASSers are expected to come to each class session prepared for discussion, and to complete several writing assignments based on the course material. The reading and writing assignments set the stage for in-depth engagement with the topic of the seminar. Classes emphasize group discussion rather than lectures.

TASSers develop skills to thrive in a college-level environment. They improve their reading, writing, critical thinking, and public speaking skills with close support from their professors and two college students who serve as academic and residential advisors. In lieu of grades, students receive written and oral feedback.

But the summer isn't all academic! TASSers plan a variety of activities, including group discussions, field games, community service projects, music and theater events, reading groups, and excursions to state parks and art

museums. Students also prepare and deliver a one-hour talk for their peers on a topic of their choice.

WHAT IS TELLURIDE ASSOCIATION?

The character of TASS reflects the distinctive educational philosophy of its sponsoring institution, Telluride Association. Founded in 1911, we are an independent, not-for-profit organization committed to promoting the highest good by educating promising young people to serve thoughtfully in the world. We value diversity and have no political or religious affiliation.

We also offer programs for high school juniors and college students. For more information, see our website.

