



**Cornell Branch of Telluride Association
Application for Frances Perkins Scholarship
2026-2028**

This application is for Cornell Masters in Industrial and Labor Relations (MILR) candidates who wish to become members of Telluride House for the 2026-2027 academic years.

*This application is due on **March 15, 2026**. We prefer email submissions in a **single document** to both cbta.apply@tellurideassociation.org. All materials must be received by this due date. The House's mailing address is Telluride House, attn: Frances Perkins Scholarship, 217 West Avenue, Ithaca, NY 14850.*

For more information, please contact the current Frances Perkins scholar, Maria Pacheco, at mfp65@cornell.edu

The timeline for this scholarship is as follows:

***March 15, 2026 (11:59pm EST):** Written applications and supporting materials due*

***March 22, 2026:** Finalists will be notified of their status and invited for interviews*

***April 06-10, 2026:** Finalist interviews via Zoom*

***April 12, 2026:** Frances Perkins scholar and waitlisted applicants notified*

***April 14, 2026 (6:00pm EST):** Deadline to respond to offer of scholarship*

***April 15, 2026:** Deadline to respond to offer of admission by Cornell University*

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

I. Personal Data

Full name:

(Optional) Pronouns:

Date of birth:

Email address:

Permanent address:

Spring 2026 address:

Spring 2026 phone number:

Occupation and highest educational degree attained by immediate family members:

II. Activities

You may attach a resume or CV, if you have one, *in addition* to completing these prompts.

1. What schools have you attended, beginning with secondary school?

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Name of School</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Degree, if applicable</u>
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2. Concisely list some jobs that you have held for pay.

3. Concisely list some scholastic activities and honors.

4. Concisely list some community activities and personal interests.

III. Academic Status

We require an official transcript from all post-secondary institutions you have attended.

Complete the following:

_____ I include with my application transcripts from the following school(s):

_____ I have requested transcripts from the following school(s):

IV. Essay Responses

In considering you for the residential scholarship, we want to know considerably more than facts of your accomplishments. Your answers to the questions below should provide as complete a picture of yourself as possible. (Suggested length: 2-4 pages per essay, double spaced)

Essay One: As the Frances Perkins Scholar, please address how you hope to benefit from living at the Cornell Branch of the Telluride Association, how you imagine contributing to the Branch, and how your personal experiences may enrich Telluride's community?

Essay Two: Tell us about a time you were wrong. Looking back, what assumptions were you making that turned out to be incorrect? What was the impact of your mistake on others, and how did you address it?

Essay Three: Discuss a specific problem or topic in a field that interests you. Why do you care? You may address political, philosophical, social, literary, aesthetic, or other questions. Your essay should represent your own views; it should not be a research paper.

Essay Four: "The people are what matters to the government, and a government should aim to give all the people under its jurisdiction the best possible life." - Frances Perkins. "Involuntary compliance means a loss of freedom whereas voluntary compliance means its attainment. Freedom and living above the law are one and the same thing." - L.L. Nunn. What do these ideas mean to you when considered together? How do you reconcile Perkins' emphasis on government responsibility with Nunn's view?

Optional: We're meeting for the first time and I ask you for a multimedia portfolio that tells me your life story in five (5) pieces (songs, films, books, visual art, etcetera). What content do you include, in what order (if any), and why? (150 words max.)

V. I affirm that all of the work presented herein is my own.

Signature

Date

Note: we cannot guarantee the return of submitted materials.