

Harris Fellowship Reference Form

The Harris Fellowship in Child Development and Early Childhood Education represents a unique partnership between a well-established model early childhood education program and a clinical department of child psychiatry with a special focus on early childhood. The fellowship blends educational and clinical perspectives on working with young children. In addition to coursework at the Yale Child Study Center, Harris Fellows work a full schedule at Calvin Hill Day Care Center and become integral members of the highly experienced teaching team. Under the supervision of their mentor, they gradually assume all the responsibilities of a teacher over the course of the year. They must be able to interact sensitively, tactfully, respectfully and warmly with young children and their parents. They should be interested in issues of child care, early childhood education and advocacy on behalf of young children.

We are particularly interested in your assessment of the maturity, flexibility and stability of this applicant. Fellows come to New Haven on their own and must be able to be self-reliant. Reliability and responsibility are essential, as the fellows will be counted on as members of the teaching staff. They must have a good prior record of attendance and punctuality.

Applicant Information

Name _____ E-mail _____

Current Address _____

Reference

Name _____ Title _____

Institution _____ Department _____

Address _____

E-mail _____ Telephone _____

How long and in what capacity have you known this student?

Describe this student's strengths relevant to this fellowship.

Describe this student's weaknesses relevant to this fellowship.

Does this student have the ability and maturity to accept the responsibilities of this fellowship?

Please rate the applicant on the following characteristics:

	Excellent	Good	Poor	Unknown
Reliability	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ability to work on a team	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ability to adjust to new situations	_____	_____	_____	_____
Common sense and good judgment	_____	_____	_____	_____