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**Fellowship Program Reference
Seedlings Teaching Fellowship in Child Development and Early Childhood Education**

Calvin Hill Day Care Center, in collaboration with the Yale Child Study Center, is proud to offer one Fellowship opportunity for the 2023-2024 academic year. Our fellowship programs are a unique combination of engagement in a high quality preschool classroom setting and participation in related courses in a nationally renowned child development clinic. The one-year program is designed as a supervised and supported entry into the professional world of early childhood education, childcare, and clinical work with young children.

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 childcare, 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. 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. Also, if you have observed this applicant in a setting with children, please share your impressions.

Applicant Information

Applicant Name _____ E-mail _____

Applicant Current Address _____

Reference Information

Reference Name _____ Title _____

Institution _____ Department _____

Address _____

E-mail _____ Telephone _____

Please send this completed form to the address as it appears above. On a separate sheet of your institution's letterhead, please write a description of the applicant that answers the following questions:

1. How long and in what capacity have you known this applicant?
2. Describe this applicant's strengths relevant to this fellowship.
3. Describe any challenges to this applicant relevant to this fellowship.
4. Does this applicant have the ability and maturity to accept the responsibilities of this fellowship?
5. Comment on the applicant's suitability for participation in this program, in terms of personal factors, including, but not limited to: reliability, ability to work on a team, ability to adjust to new situations, and common sense and good judgment.