



NATIONAL DILLER TEEN FELLOWS



2008 DILLER TEEN FELLOWS REFERENCE FORM

Name of Applicant (Please Print)

This reference should be returned to:

Bureau of Jewish Education Attn: Diller Teen Fellows
639 14th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94118

The deadline for all application materials is September 10, 2007. Applications will not be considered until all required reference letters are received.

For more information, please call (415) 751-6983 x120 or email dillerteens@bjesf.org.

TO THE REFEREE:

The individual named above was nominated and is now applying to the Diller Teen Fellows (DTF) program. DTF is a unique Jewish leadership program for 20 outstanding 11th graders, empowering teens to create a vision for the future through understanding and applying Jewish values. Selected teens focus on Israel, community service, leadership, and Jewish learning. During monthly Sunday workshops and three weekend retreats, teens explore their Jewish identity through Israel and *tikkun olam*. The fellowship enhances connections to Israel through a *Mifgash* (cultural exchange) with an Israeli teen leadership program. An exciting highlight of the program includes traveling to Israel for a dynamic three-week Summer Seminar and a ten day peer-to-peer exchange. The program concludes with community service projects designed by the teens and individually implemented, continuing community involvement well beyond the scope of the program.

The goals of the program depend on a participants ability to: adjust to new environments and people, work and live cooperatively in an intensive group setting, maintain a sense of initiative and independence through positive energy and strength of character; and creatively mobilize his/her peers to take active roles in their future as Jews.

It is important to us that you describe the applicant as specifically and objectively as possible. Please tell us of a candidate's strengths as well as weaknesses. All information will be kept confidential and no candidate will be eliminated on the basis of one evaluation.

Thank you,

Erica Hymen
Diller Teen Fellows Coordinator

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Your Name (Referee)

Title

Phone Number

E-mail

Using the space provided, or on a separate sheet of paper, please answer the questions below:

1. In what capacity, through what organization(s), and for how long have you known the applicant?

2. While there is no single model of an exemplary Diller Teen Fellows applicant, there are certain criteria, which make for a successful participant. Among those criteria are: emotional maturity and stability, interpersonal skills, flexibility, and creativity. Please assess the applicant with respect to these qualities and add any other information that you feel is relevant.

Your Signature (Referee)

Date

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