Pierce Scholar Program Application

The Pierce Scholar Program identifies, trains, and empowers five highly motivated student leaders each year in collaboration with the Pierce Family Foundation. Student leaders initiate and run programs, working with on-campus departments, offices, and groups to off-campus organizations serving children at risk.

Pierce Scholars are generally sophomores, juniors, or seniors with a 3.0 GPA, Financial Aid status, and a passion to serve. Students in the program are appointed for an entire academic year, fall and spring semesters, and work for approximately 10 hours per week in collaboration with the Wolfington Center.

Selection decisions for Pierce Scholars are based on responses to application questions, in-person interview, recommendations by references, individual competencies, and group diversity needs.

Application Procedure

Applicants must email Pierce Scholar Coordinator Stephen A. Eberle (stephen.a.eberle@cabrini.edu) a Word document with an essay and personal information.

- Name, Email Address, and Phone Number
- Home Address and Campus Address, if applicable
- Major, Minor, GPA, and Expected Year of Graduation
- Advisor's Name and contact information
- Names and contact information for two references

Essay must be two pages, single-spaced, responding to this three-part question:

- The Pierce Scholar Program encourages applications from Cabrini students who:
  - demonstrate leadership qualities and experience
  - uphold and demonstrate the core values and "education of the heart" of Cabrini College
  - care about and demonstrate (through coursework, employment, or community service) interest and concern for people in communities that are at risk because of economic status, access to educational opportunity, or physical/ health status.

  How would you assess yourself on those three qualities? Please give **specific** examples illustrating each point. Which Pierce Scholarship position (*see next page*) interests you the most and why?

Please include a list of available dates for an on-campus interview.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pierce Scholar coordinator Stephen A. Eberle at stephen.a.eberle@cabrini.edu or 610-902-8122.

If you are interested in making a difference in people's lives, the Pierce Scholarship program may be a perfect fit for you. Pierce Scholars work with the Wolfington Center lead a program that works with a group of Cabrini Students and a group from the community.

Currently, we are looking for students interested in leading the following programs:

- **Norristown Area High School Mentoring**
  This project, run in partnership with Norristown Area School District, offers a weekly mentoring program for Spanish-speaking high school students.

  The Pierce Scholar will coordinate program activities and transportation of students to and from Eisenhower Middle School and Norristown Area High School. Cabrini van certification is required.

- **Creative After School Alternatives (CASA)**
  CASA invites middle school students to enroll in a free after-school program providing both homework assistance and interactive creative learning opportunities.

  The Pierce Scholar will work with students in Dr. Watterson's "Community Arts and Education" ECG 200 course to coordinate weekly programs for CASA.

- **Homeless Outreach**
  This project, run in partnership with the Coordinated Homeless Outreach Center (CHOC) offers opportunities for men and women experiencing homelessness to participate in faith-sharing and community dialogue sessions with Cabrini students and Norristown residents.

  The Pierce Scholar will coordinate programs with Dr. Rademacher's "Faith and Justice" classes and the CHOC. Cabrini van certification is required.

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