Cabrini University’s Building Lives of Purpose program exists to connect students who have experienced foster care or who qualify as independent or unaccompanied with resources to help them achieve their goal of earning a college degree. If you are interested in attending Cabrini, here are some of the ways the program can assist you.

If you need help completing the application, call the Admissions Office at 610.902.8552, email admit@cabrini.edu, or visit the office located on campus in Grace Hall. You will be assigned an Admissions Counselor who will tell you what information is needed and work with you to complete your application.

Completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the first step in the process to apply for federal, state, and Cabrini financial assistance. Aleesha Faulk, Assistant Director of Financial Aid, can help you complete the FAFSA. To make an appointment contact her at: alesha.j.faulk@cabrini.edu or 610.902.8146.

If you are offered admission to Cabrini and choose to accept, you will need to place a deposit to hold your space in the class. The deposit will be applied against your tuition. In cases of extreme financial hardship, you may submit a written request to Admissions requesting that the deposit be deferred until financial aid is awarded.

Applications are available at cabrini.edu/undergraduate/applying. Apply using the Common App, our online application or with the PDF paper application. The application fee is $35. If you are unable to afford the fee, you can obtain a waiver by using the waiver code “cavalier” on the Common App or the online app.

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If you attend Cabrini, the Building Lives of Purpose program can assist you in the following ways:

- You will participate in the Cav Cares program through our Center for Student Success. As a member of Cav Cares you will:

  - Participate in Quick Start, a one-day program the day before Orientation that will prepare you to start your college career and help you meet other students.
  - Work with an upper-class student who will be your peer mentor, help you adjust to academic and social life at Cabrini, and connect you with campus resources that are here to help students succeed.
  - Meet faculty and staff who were the first in their families to attend college and who are committed to helping you achieve your goal of earning a degree.
  - Explore your career interests, visit companies that provide internship experiences, and attend workshops designed to help you be effective.

- If you live on campus and have nowhere to go over breaks and during the summer, you can remain in campus housing and we can assign a campus mailbox that you can use as a permanent year-round address while at Cabrini.
  - Provide you with access to the Cabrini Cupboard food pantry, which also has personal care items.

- Help connect you with a job on campus if you have been awarded federal work-study funds.

If you have questions or need more information about Cabrini University’s Building Lives of Purpose program, contact Christine Lysinek, PhD, Vice President for Student Life, at 610.902.8416 or christine.lysinek@cabrini.edu.