COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE

Meet your CFMT Relationship Manager

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Kelly serves as CFMT's Scholarships Senior Manager, partnering with fundholders to create meaningful educational opportunities for students across Middle Tennessee. With more than a decade of experience in college admissions and counseling, she brings a deep understanding of the challenges students and families face in pursuing higher education. A scholarship recipient herself, Kelly is passionate about helping donors develop scholarship programs that reflect their values, remove financial barriers, and invest in the potential of future generations.

A Shelbyville, Tennessee native and proud University of Memphis graduate, Kelly remains actively involved in educational advocacy and college access initiatives. Her dedication to students and families earned her the 2025 Garrett Klein Award for Mid-Career Level Service from the Southern Association for College Admission Counseling. Outside of work, she enjoys cheering on the Memphis Tigers, traveling with friends, and exploring local parks with her dog, Dorsey.







Fun Facts about Kelly

What's your favorite part of working at CFMT?

Receiving a scholarship myself was more than financial assistance. It was a recognition of my potential and an investment in my future. That experience inspires me every day to help our fundholders create opportunities for students to feel supported, valued, and empowered to pursue their dreams.

Favorite place you've traveled:

Ecuador! A friend and I backpacked across the country, connecting with fellow travelers and discovering hidden gems along the way. One highlight was watching Ecuador play a World Cup qualifying match at a neighborhood bar in Quito.

Unusual item in your workspace:

I have three beautiful paintings in my office created by former students at LEAD Academy High School. Each was purchased at our annual student art show, where young artists could showcase and sell their work. They're hard to miss, so be sure to look for them when you visit!

Favorite hobby or activity:

I love exploring all the walking trails and parks in the Nashville area with my partner, Kyle, and dog, Dorsey. Our current favorite is the greenway near the Neuhoff District so that we can grab a coffee after at one of the many local coffee shops in the area.

Favorite quote :

Jeremiah 29:7 "Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper." It anchors me in the work we do at CFMT and in how I hope to interact with the world.

Morning routine:

My alarm is usually going off around 4:30am each day. I love to start the day reading or journaling after a long walk with my dog. I must start each day in nature or my day just isn't the same. My students hated that I was a morning person as I would often greet them getting off the bus with a cheer or song I made up just for them.