

Maryellen Ferro

Community Investment Officer



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As the Community Investment Officer, Maryellen participates in the development of AAACF's scholarship and targeted grant programs and serves as the point of contact for scholarship and grant applicants. After graduating with a BA in English, Maryellen moved from her home state of Virginia to Seattle, Washington to take a position with AmeriCorps, working for a teen suicide prevention organization. While working for AmeriCorps, Maryellen became interested in supporting direct service work for nonprofits.

While she is no longer practicing direct service herself, her experience working closely with community members continues to provide her with a deep empathy for others, which provides her insight in her work with AAACF. Maryellen continued to develop her experience in program management at nonprofits supporting children and youth in Seattle until her marriage to her husband brought her to Washtenaw County, where she joined our team in 2014.

In her current role, she supports educators by coordinating opportunities to present to students about AAACF's scholarship opportunities and helps students navigate the application process. She also works with nonprofits to provide information about the Youth Council's grant priority areas. In addition, she assists with applications for new Youth Council members and coordinates volunteer opportunities for Youth Council participants.

In her free time, Maryellen enjoys going with her husband and two children to County Farm Park because it pulls in a little bit of every part of the community - older people, children, families, students - to enjoy just being outside.



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