

Tips to Fund Your Master's Degree:

The Art of Education University does not participate in any federal student aid or federal student loan program. However, you can still afford to earn your master's from AOEU!

Here are a few options and tips to explore.



1 Tuition Reimbursement

Many districts offer staff tuition reimbursement as a benefit of contractual teaching and employment longevity. Helping teachers pay for further education is appealing to districts because it encourages professional growth, may fulfill certification and license renewal requirements, and increases instructional knowledge and skill sets.

If your school offers tuition reimbursement, here are some tips to increase your chances of qualifying:

- Visit with your principal, superintendent, or business administrator and let them know your plans for earning a higher degree.
- Learn about your school's application process, the number of credits they will pay for each year, the maximum reimbursement per credit, and the grades needed for reimbursement.
- Consult an AOEU Admissions Counselor to determine the best timeline for your degree based on your district's reimbursement requirements.
- Many tuition reimbursement programs are first-come, first-serve so act quickly. Have your paperwork ready to go before the application window opens.

2 Scholarships and Grants

Scholarships and grants provide educational funding that can be used for tuition, fees, and other education expenses. They do not need to be repaid. Eligibility may be based on the degree program, field of study, financial need, or other qualifying factors. The Art of Education University does not participate in any scholarship or grant program funded by the State of Iowa.

If you are looking to secure funding through grants and scholarships, here are some tips to support you in the application process:

- Do your research! Check out [Graduate School Scholarships](#) and [Financial Aid for Graduate or Professional Students](#).
- Take time to research all your options for grants and scholarships. Don't wait until the deadline to submit your paperwork.
- Contact references and collect letters of recommendation from academic, professional, and personal backgrounds.
- Be sure you have all your documentation, including official transcripts, standardized test scores, and a current resume or CV.
- Follow the requirements of each application exactly, and tailor your responses to the sponsor's goals. Review and proofread all of your submissions.