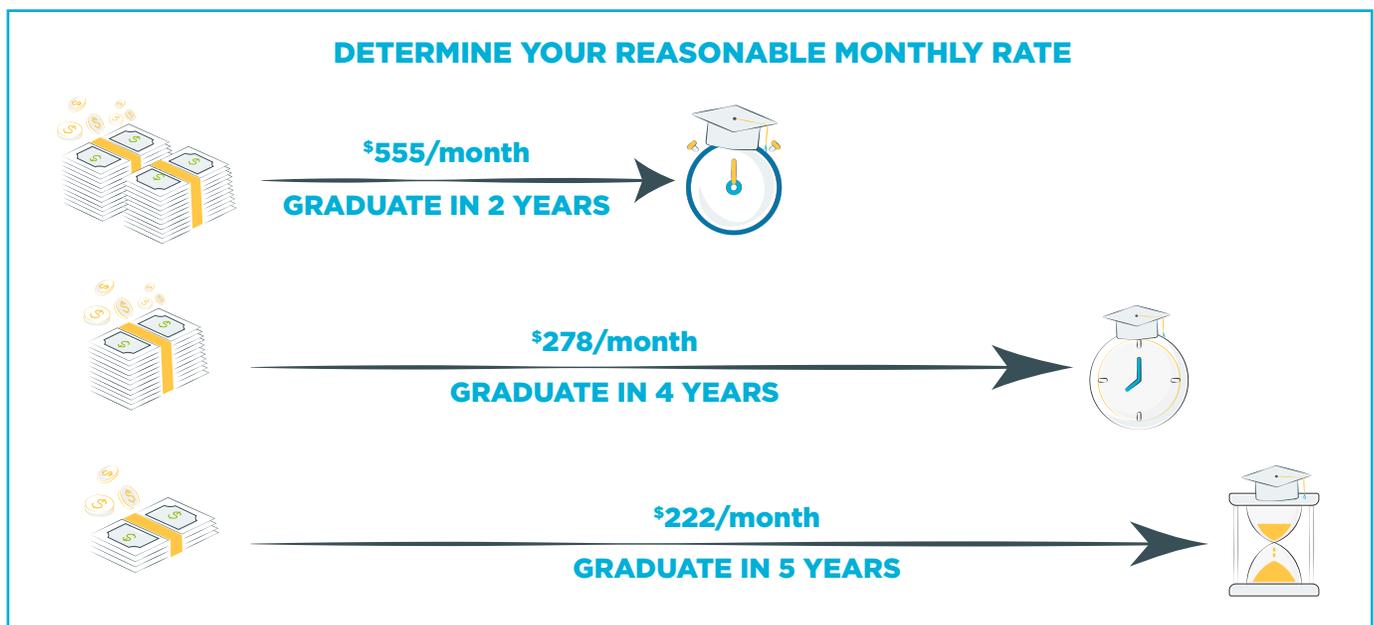


WORKING YOUR DEGREE INTO YOUR BUDGET

Some prospective students want to know why they can't apply for federal financial aid or fill out the FAFSA. At this time, AOEU hasn't gone through the process to become eligible to participate in Title IV or federal financial aid. But there's more to the story!

Here's what you need to know.

- 1 Many teachers who work full-time don't qualify for federal financial aid. Financial aid is different at the undergraduate level because you're a dependent. When you earned your BA, you were likely going to school full-time and were not earning a livable wage. Those factors play into financial aid packages.
- 2 AOEU's degree is specific to art education. Compared to similar graduate programs in art ed, it's about half the cost. The majority of our students pay for the degree as they go and are able to graduate without taking on more debt.
- 3 Students take advantage of the flexible timeline to reach a reasonable monthly expense. If you look at your finances, you may be able to save the money each month, and complete your degree at a pace that works with your finances. Here's how it really breaks down:



Here are two ways to make it happen.

Short-term sacrifice for long-term gain. Saving money sometimes means sacrificing something else. Maybe that's packing your lunch, cooking dinner with friends, or cancelling a subscription. If you take a close look at your finances, it might be easier than you think.

Leverage salary advancement. Most of the time, salary advancement is determined at the district level. Studies show the majority of districts offer salary advancement for furthering your education. Does your district offer a pay bump for a +12 or +15? That just might cover your \$222/month to finish up your degree - on the (school)house! Learn more [here](#).