ART

ART PROFILE

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, overall employment of craft and fine artists is projected to grow 6 percent from 2016 to 2026, about as fast as the average for all occupations. Employment growth for artists depends in large part on the overall state of the economy and whether people are willing to spend money on art, because people usually make art purchases when they can afford to spend the money. During good economic times, people and businesses are interested in buying more artwork; during economic downturns, they generally buy less. However, there is always some demand for art by private collectors and museums.

Job growth for craft and fine artists may be limited by the sale of inexpensive, machine-produced items designed to look like handmade American crafts. A continued interest in locally made products and crafted goods will likely offset some of these employment losses. Illustrators and cartoonists who work in publishing may see their job opportunities decline as traditional print publications lose ground to other media forms. However, new opportunities are expected to arise as the number of electronic magazines and other Internet-based publications continues to grow.

WCSU Art Occupational Outlook Handbook

RELATED CAREER PATHS

The career paths listed below are only a sample of the opportunities one may consider. They have been taken from the Bureau of Labor’s Occupational Outlook Handbook and the O*Net Online. Some career paths may require additional education and training. To gain more understanding of the different career paths, take a look at Candid Career, where you can watch testimonials of people doing exactly what you might want to pursue.

| Art Directors | Fashion Designers/Floral Designer |
| Graphic Designers | Industrial Designers |
| Interior Designers | Animators |
| Art Therapists | Public Relations Specialists |
| Exhibit Designer | Museum/ Gallery Curator |
| Teacher | Illustrator |
| Photographer | Printmaker |
SAMPLE RÉSUMÉS

For a list of sample résumés created for Art majors, please visit our online career tool, Optimal Résumé, at https://wcsu.optimalrésumé.com/. This is where you can choose a template and create résumés formatted specifically for the industry to seek. Whether you are applying directly to a person or an applicant tracking system, there are things you will need to know in order for your résumé to be recognized. We encourage students not to take any chances. Come speak with someone in our office, Monday through Friday, anytime between 9 am to 4:30 pm, or attend one of many résumé workshops we conduct throughout the year.

JOB SEARCH ENGINES

Prepare for interviews, compare salaries and get company reviews with a free student account from Glassdoor. Simply click the link and sign up with your student email address.

American Alliance of Museums

Art Jobs/Art Search (Contact the Career Success Center to receive instructions for a free account.)

ArtsTie

Creative Hotlist

Creative Jobs Central

iCreatives

Media Bistro

Museum Jobs

New York Foundation for the Arts

Smithsonian Jobs

The Art Career Project

RESEARCH RESOURCES

American Alliance of Museums

Arts and Culture

Art Tactic

Entertainment Career Center

The Art Career Project
**The Smithsonian**

**SALARY INFORMATION**

Learn.org

Bureau of Labor Statistics

Salary.com

**WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW**

Join a professional society or association related to the Arts – See list below

Consider studying abroad. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Volunteer for [Junior Achievement](#) in your community

**ASSOCIATIONS**

Professional associations are a great way for college students, recent graduates, and career changers to enhance personal and professional development while being provided endless networking opportunities. Being a member of an association also offers chances to attend conferences, learn about latest industry trends, scholarships, internship opportunities, along with attitudes and competencies expected in the industries of interest. Many associations encourage students to participate and even offer drastically reduced membership rates. Being a member of an association could be the best thing you do for your career.

American Alliance of Museums

American Institute of Graphic Arts

Association of Art Museum Directors

College Art Association

Connecticut Art Leagues and Associations

Connecticut Professional Photography Association

National Art Education Association

National Association for Independent Artists

National Association of Women Artists

New England Museum Association

Small Museum Association
Society of Children’s Book Writers & Illustrators

Society of Illustrators

ART EDUCATORS – ASSOCIATIONS BY STATE

Alabama Art Education Association
Alaska Art Education Association
Arizona Art Education Association
Arkansas Art Educators
California Art Education Association
Colorado Art Education Association
Connecticut Art Education Association
Delaware Art Education Association
District of Columbia: Art Education Association
Florida Art Education Association
Georgia Art Education Association
Hawaii Art Education Association
Idaho Art Education Association
Illinois Art Education Association
Art Education of Indiana
Art Educators of Iowa
Kansas Art Education Association
Kentucky Art Education Association
Louisiana Art Education Association
Maine Art Education Association
Maryland Art Education Association
Massachusetts Art Education Association
Michigan Art Education Association
Art Educators of Minnesota
Mississippi Art Education Association
Missouri Art Education Association
Montana Art Education Association
Nebraska Art Teachers Associations
Art Educators of Nevada
New Hampshire Art Educators
Art Educators of New Jersey
New Mexico Art Education Association
New York State Art Teachers Association
North Carolina Art Education Association
Ohio Art Education Association
Oklahoma Art Education Association
Oregon Art Education Association
Pennsylvania Art Education Association
Rhode Island Art Education Association
South Carolina Art Education Association
South Dakota Art Education Association
Tennessee Art Education Association
Texas Art Education Association
Utah Art Education Association
Vermont Art Teachers Association
Virginia Art Education Association
Washington Art Education Association
West Virginia Art Education Association
Wisconsin Art Education Association

Wyoming Art Education Association