ART

ART PROFILE

According to the Bureau of Labor Statics, 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.

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RÉSUMÉ SAMPLES & HELP

For a guide, and list of sample résumés, please visit our virtual résumé tool at https://www.wcsu.edu/careersuccess/resumes/. This is where you will find sample résumés, download our fillable résumés template, and find the cover letter & résumé checklist to ensure you are on the right track. Whether you are applying directly to a person, or an applicant tracking system (ATS), there are things you will need to know for your résumé to be recognized by the company’s database. Use the checklist we provide and always proofread for perfection. Remember, your résumés and cover letters are the first writing samples any employer will ever see from you. You need to make sure it is perfect. Don’t risk it, and come visit one of our Career Peer Leaders, who can help you. We are available Monday through Friday, either virtually or in person, anytime between 9 am to 5 pm. If you would like information, or to set an appointment, please contact the Career Success Center at careersuccess@wcsu.edu.

JOB SEARCH ENGINES

American Alliance of Museums

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

ArtsTie

Art Staffing

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

Job Monkey – Worldwide List of Museums

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 WCSU’s Vita Program

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 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