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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.



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

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](#)

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[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](#)