As part of the Arts Workforce Initiative (AWI), twenty (20) individuals are gaining high-level professional work experience this summer at various non-profit arts and cultural host organizations throughout the state. Host organizations are required to provide a hands-on and engaging learning opportunity that allows the participants to gain relevant skills and work experience in the arts.

Selected host organizations were granted $3,750 per apprentice to be used to pay an hourly rate of $15. Selected participants work 25 hours a week for 10 weeks for the selected host organization.

**Anabell Pichardo**, Bridgeport
Host organization: [Neighborhood Studios of Fairfield County](#), Bridgeport

**Angel Bleggi**, Seymour
Host organization: [Creative Arts Workshop](#), New Haven

**Alyssa Archambault**, Torrington
Host organization: [Northwest Connecticut Arts Council](#), Torrington

**Amina Khokhar**, East Hartford
Host organization: [WORK_SPACE](#), Manchester

**Cassandra Calabrese**, Cheshire
Host organization: [Mattatuck Museum](#), Waterbury

**Chanel Ross**, Windsor
Host organization: [Arts Center East](#), Vernon

**Brigid Pfeifer**, Wethersfield
Host organization: [Grumbling Gryphons Traveling Children's Theater](#), West Cornwall

**Corinna Santos**, Trumbull
Host organization: [New Haven Land Trust](#), New Haven
Courtney Klimak, Cheshire  
Host organization: Masque Family Theater, Bethlehem

Danielle Wassmer, Newtown  
Host organization: Brookfield Craft Center, Brookfield

Jeanne Bedard, Burlington  
Host organization: ASAP! (aka After School Arts Program), Washington Depot

Luis Lopez, Bridgeport  
Host organization: City Lights Gallery, Bridgeport

Madelyn MacBride, Coventry  
Host organization: CAST (aka CAST children's theatre), Manchester

Rebecca Ilene Gatz, Stamford  
Host organization: Ridgefield Independent Film Festival, Ridgefield

Roshane Stevenson, East Hartford  
Host organization: Southeastern Connecticut Cultural Coalition, New London

Sean Roach, Cheshire  
Host organization: City of New Haven's Division of Arts, Culture and Tourism, New Haven

Shuonan "Sage" Peng, Pomfret  
Host organization: Artreach, Norwich

Sophia Thomas, Westport  
Host organization: Suzuki Music School of Westport, Westport
Tyana Lopez, Columbia
Host organization: EC-CHAP (aka Eastern Connecticut Center for History, Art & Performance), Willington

Unique Davey, Windsor
Host organization: HartBeat Ensemble, Hartford