



As part of the FY21 Arts Workforce Initiative (AWI), fifteen (15) 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.

Alexandra Ose, Vernon

Host organization: [Arts Center East](#), Vernon

Amanda Ouk, East Hartford

Host organization: [Silk City Chorus](#), Manchester

Asaada Craig, New London

Host organization: [Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra](#), New London

Castor Alba, Fairfield

Host organization: [MoCA Westport](#), Westport

Conor Burke, Southbury

Host organization: [cARTie](#), Huntington

Dymin Ellis, New Haven

Host organization: [Arts Council of Greater New Haven](#), New Haven

Jessica Gallagher, Orange

Host organization: [STAR, Inc. Lighting the Way](#), Norwalk



Johanatis Rivera, Bridgeport

Host organization: [Center for Contemporary Printmaking](#), Norwalk

Juliana Zaharevich, Litchfield

Host organization: [Music Mountain](#), Lakeville

Lori LeDonne, Shelton

Host organization: [Project Music](#), Stamford

Lovelind Richards, New Haven

Host organization: [Ely Center of Contemporary Arts](#), New Haven

Lucemy Perez, Hartford

Host organization: [The 224 EcoSpace](#), Hartford

Madeeha Sheikh, Waterbury

Host organization: [Arts & Culture Collaborative](#), Waterbury Region

Megan Victoria, Norwich

Host organization: [10selden](#), Woodbridge

Zakariya Y. Loutifi, Hartford

Host organization: [Free Center](#), Hartford