



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



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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



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Tyana Lopez, Columbia

Host organization: [EC-CHAP](#) (aka Eastern Connecticut Center for History, Art & Performance), Willington

Unique Davey, Windsor

Host organization: [HartBeat Ensemble](#), Hartford