## Visual Art Careers: Fine Arts & Studio Careers

**Career Pathway Overview:** Fine arts and studio careers focus on creating original works of art and developing a personal artistic voice. These artists often work independently, exhibit in galleries, or collaborate with art organizations. <a href="https://theartcareerproject.com/careers/">https://theartcareerproject.com/careers/</a>

**Related Careers:** - Painter - Sculptor - Illustrator - Printmaker - Ceramic Artist - Mixed Media Artist - Muralist - Photographer - Gallery Artist / Exhibiting Artist - Art Studio Technician

**College Art/Design Majors That Align:** - Fine Arts (BFA) - Studio Art - Painting - Drawing - Sculpture - Printmaking - Photography - Ceramics - Illustration - Art History (supporting field)

Priority Art/Design Courses @ CFHS: - Visual Art Foundations (or CAPP 101 Elements of Art) - PP: Drawing and Digital Illustration - PP: 2D Design Photography - Ceramics - AP Art & Design (may be taken 3 times/years as 2-D Design, Drawing, 3-D Design)

Other Aligned Art/Design Courses @ CFHS to consider: <u>Visual Arts & Crafts</u> - <u>Adv.</u>

<u>Ceramics</u> - <u>AP Art History</u> or <u>CAPP 105 Understanding the Arts</u> - <u>Sculpture</u> - <u>Art for Therapy & Wellness</u>

**Other Skills for Success:** - Creative problem-solving - Time management & self-discipline - Public speaking & presentation skills - Basic business/entrepreneurship (billing, marketing, contracts) - Networking & collaboration - Critical thinking & art critique skills - Goal-setting & project management

Sample Portfolio Expectations for Art School Admission & Scholarships: - 10–20 strong.

original pieces (no fan art) - Observational drawing (still life, figure drawing, interiors) - A variety of media (paint, drawing, mixed media, sculpture) - Personal voice and creativity - Process work or sketchbook pages showing idea development - Finished pieces that demonstrate technique and craftsmanship - A written artist statement or reflection

## Visual Art Careers: Digital, Media & Design Careers

**Career Pathway Overview:** Digital and media artists create content using technology for entertainment, marketing, gaming, and communication industries. <a href="https://theartcareerproject.com/careers/">https://theartcareerproject.com/careers/</a>

**Related Careers:** - Graphic Designer - Digital Illustrator - Animator (2D or 3D) - Video Game Artist / Concept Artist - UX/UI Designer - Web Designer - Digital Photographer / Photo Editor - Film/Video Editor - Motion Graphics Designer - Virtual Reality (VR) Artist

**College Art/Design Majors That Align:** - Graphic Design - Animation (2D/3D) - Game Art & Design - Digital Media / Digital Arts - Film Production - Media Arts - Photography (Digital) - Web Design & Development - UX/UI Design - Computer Graphics

<u>Priority Art/Design Courses @ CFHS</u>: - <u>Visual Art Foundations</u> (or <u>CAPP 101 Elements of Art</u>) - <u>Graphics 1 - PP: Drawing and Digital Illustration - PP: 2D Design Photography - Graphics 2 Photoshop - Computer Imagery & Animation</u>

Other Aligned Art/Design Courses @ CFHS to consider: AP Art & Design (may be taken 3 times/years as 2-D Design, Drawing, 3-D Design) - Digital Media Art - Graphics 2 Illustrator - Advanced Computer Imagery & Animation, AP Art History or CAPP 105 Understanding the Arts

**Other Skills for Success:** - Technical software proficiency (Adobe Creative Cloud, 3D software, video editing) - Problem-solving & troubleshooting - Communication & collaboration skills - Digital literacy & technology adaptability - Storytelling & visual communication - Attention to detail & deadline management - Understanding of marketing and user behavior

Sample Portfolio Expectations for Art School Admission & Scholarships: - 10-20

drawing, digital or mixed-media pieces - Software proficiency examples (Photoshop, Illustrate Premiere, Blender, etc.) - Animation clips, motion graphics, or short reel (for animation/video UX/UI case studies showing research, wireframes, and prototypes - Concept art, character design, or digital paintings (for game art) - Demonstration of originality, creativity, and technic skill - Sketches showing process and problem-solving

## Visual Art Careers: Applied & Industrial Art Careers

**Career Pathway Overview:** Applied arts focus on design that serves functional, industrial, or commercial purposes. These careers blend creativity with engineering, construction, or manufacturing. <a href="https://theartcareerproject.com/careers/">https://theartcareerproject.com/careers/</a>

**Related Careers:** - Industrial Designer - Product Designer - Fashion Designer - Textile Designer - Interior Designer - Architecture / Architectural Drafting - Landscape Architect - Set Designer (Theater/Film) - Exhibition Designer - Furniture Designer

**College Art/Design Majors That Align:** - Industrial Design - Product Design - Fashion Design / Apparel Design - Textile Design - Interior Design - Architecture - Landscape Architecture - Theater Design / Set Design - Engineering (for technical product design) - Environmental Design

<u>Priority Art/Design Courses @ CFHS</u>: - <u>Visual Art Foundations</u> (or <u>CAPP 101 Elements of Art</u>) - <u>Design Fundamentals</u> - <u>PP: Drawing and Digital Illustration</u> - <u>PP: 2D Design Photography</u> - <u>AP Art & Design</u> (may be taken 3 times/years as 2-D Design, Drawing, 3-D Design) - <u>Intro. to CAD/Fab Lab</u>

Other Aligned Art/Design Courses @ CFHS to consider: Sculpture - Visual Arts & Crafts - Ceramics - Advanced Ceramics - Aligned Technology Education Classes

**Other Skills for Success:** - Spatial reasoning & 3D thinking - Technical drawing & drafting - Math, physics, and engineering basics (depending on field) - Collaboration with builders, engineers, and manufacturers - Research & prototyping skills - Budgeting & project management - Strong communication for presenting design concepts

Sample Portfolio Expectations for Art School Admission & Scholarships: - 10-20 pieces

showing ideal Fashion stude students: pers	tion and brainsto ents: garments, t	rming - Models extile samples, s, floor plans, s	, mock-ups, or lookbooks, an	prototypes (pho d pattern work -	,

## Visual Art Careers: Art Education, Therapy & Community Arts Careers

**Career Pathway Overview:** These careers focus on teaching, supporting well-being through creativity, and fostering arts engagement in communities. <a href="https://theartcareerproject.com/careers/">https://theartcareerproject.com/careers/</a>

**Related Careers:** - Art Teacher (Elementary, Middle, or High School) - Art Professor - Teaching Artist - Art Therapist\* - Creative Arts Activities Coordinator - Museum Educator - Community Arts Program Director - After-School Arts Coordinator - Art Studio Manager - Arts Nonprofit Worker

**College Art/Design Majors That Align:** - Art Education (K-12 Licensure) - Art Therapy\* (or Psychology + Art for undergraduate) - Studio Art (for Teaching Artist roles) - Museum Studies - Arts Administration / Arts Management - Community Arts - Education (General, with art electives)

Priority Art/Design Courses @ CFHS: - Visual Art Foundations (or CAPP 101 Elements of Art) - PP: Drawing and Digital Illustration - PP: 2D Design Photography - Art for Therapy & Wellness - Ceramics - AP Art & Design (may be taken 3 times/years as 2-D Design, Drawing, 3-D Design) AP Art History or CAPP 105 Understanding the Arts

Other Aligned Art/Design Courses @ CFHS to consider: <u>Visual Arts & Crafts</u> - <u>Sculpture</u> - <u>Digital Media Art</u> - <u>Graphics 1</u> - <u>Advanced Ceramics</u> + <u>Education & Psychology Courses</u>

Other Skills for Success: - Communication & public speaking - Classroom management & leadership - Empathy and interpersonal skills - Organization & planning - Understanding of child development or psychology - Collaboration with families, schools, and community partners - Grant writing, budgeting, and nonprofit management (for community arts) - Education (General, with art electives)

Sample Portfolio Expectations for Art School Admission & Scholarships: - 10–15 strong pieces showing breadth of skills including drawing - Sketches or reflections that show creativity and personal growth - Artwork demonstrating understanding of media and technique - Pieces showing expression, emotion, or therapeutic intention (for Art Therapy) - Evidence of community involvement or arts leadership (optional but valuable) - Written reflections or teaching philosophy (for scholarships & education programs) (for community arts) - Education (General, with art electives)

*Art Therapy requires a	a graduate degree a	and specific licens	sure.	