



The American Furniture Masters Institute

The American Furniture Masters Institute (AFMI) is the non-profit teaching arm of the New Hampshire Furniture Masters Association (NHFMA).

AFMI was established to promote the growth of fine furniture making through public education and the Studio-Based Learning Program, and to preserve and extend three centuries of tradition in fine furniture making in New Hampshire.

Studio-Based Learning Program

The **Studio-Based Learning Program** strikes a healthy balance between flexibility for the individual student apprentice and mastery of requisite professional skills. During this three-year program, student apprentices will have the opportunity to work in a wide variety of studios across New Hampshire and will subsequently acquire a diverse range of design techniques. AFMI seeks self-motivated individuals who demonstrate a commitment to studio furniture making as a potential career.

Our program is unique because:

- We offer a flexible curriculum that is designed individually for and according to the needs of the student apprentice;
- We offer diversity among our studios;
- We encourage a student apprentice to work in multiple studios;
- We offer a range of design techniques for a student apprentice to study;
- We provide access to free, confidential business counseling.

The Student Apprentice will develop:

- An understanding of what it means to work at the highest level of mastery, in accordance with the NHFMA Statement of Standards;
- Design appreciation and experience;
- Material understanding and use;
- Finishing techniques;
- Construction principles;
- Efficiency/proficiency.