



ARTIST

Create original artwork using any of a wide variety of mediums and techniques, such as painting and sculpture.

Knowledge and Skills Needed

In addition to courses required for high school graduation, essential skills and knowledge needed for a career as a fine artist, including painters, sculptors, and illustrators, are reinforced by taking rigorous and relevant courses, as well as participating in work-based experiences and student organization activities.

(See the Sample Personal Plan of Study for suggested coursework, activities, and knowledge and skills to pursue in preparation of an occupation in this Career Cluster.)

Education Requirements

Occupation	Percent of Missouri employees aged 25 to 44 in the occupation whose highest level of educational attainment is:		
	High School or Less	Some College	Bachelor Degree or More
Fine artists, incl. painters, sculptors, and illustrators	13.6%	28.5%	58.0%
Art and Design Workers	13.8%	30.3%	55.9%
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media	15.9%	29.9%	54.2%

Most Common Educational Level: Long term on-the-job training

Apprenticeships are available for more than 240 occupations. Visit www.oa.doleta.gov/bat.cfm

Note: Be sure to learn whether your occupation has a specific requirement for education or licensing.

National and State Wage Information

Location	Pay Period	2008		
		Entry*	Median	Experienced**
United States	Hourly	\$14.05	\$20.51	\$29.16
	Yearly	\$29,200	\$42,700	\$60,700
Missouri	Hourly	\$14.43	\$24.65	\$34.37
	Yearly	\$30,000	\$51,300	\$71,500

Based on (*) lower 25% and (**) upper 25% percentile of wages

National and State Employment Trends

Fine Artist, including painters, sculptors, and illustrators	Employment		Percent Change	Job Openings*
	2006	2016		
United States	30,300	33,300	+ 10%	1,010
Missouri	450	440	N/A	10

*The estimate for Job Openings includes both turnover that results from people who leave the occupation (e.g. quit, retire, death) and new jobs that are created.

Educational Opportunities

Note: This list may not be all inclusive. For more information about Missouri schools and programs, visit www.dhe.mo.gov

Avila University

Kansas City, MO
(816) 942-8400
www.avila.edu

College of the Ozarks

Point Lookout, MO
(417) 334-6411
www.cofo.edu

Columbia College

Columbia, MO
(573) 875-8700
www.ccis.edu

Crowder College

Neosho, MO
(417) 451-3223
www.crowder.edu

Culver-Stockton College

Canton, MO
(573) 288-6000
www.culver.edu

Drury University

Springfield, MO
(417) 873-7879
www.drury.edu

Evangel University

Springfield, MO
(417) 865-2811
www.evangel.edu

Fontbonne University

Saint Louis, MO
(314) 862-3456
www.fontbonne.edu

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Hannibal-Lagrange College
Hannibal, MO
(573) 221-3675
www.hlq.edu

Kansas City Art Institute
Kansas City, MO
(816) 472-4852
www.kcai.edu

Lincoln University
Jefferson City, MO
(573) 681-5000
www.lincolnu.edu

Lindenwood University
Saint Charles, MO
(636) 949-2000
www.lindenwood.edu

Maryville University of Saint Louis
Saint Louis, MO
(800) 627-9855
www.maryville.edu

Missouri Southern State University
Joplin, MO
(417) 625-9300
www.mssu.edu

Missouri State University
Springfield, MO
(417) 836-5000
www.missouristate.edu

Missouri Valley College
Marshall, MO
(660) 831-4000
www.moval.edu

Missouri Western State University
Saint Joseph, MO
(816) 271-4200
www.missouriwestern.edu

Saint Louis University
Saint Louis, MO
(314) 977-2222
www.imagine.slu.edu

Southeast Missouri State University
Cape Girardeau, MO
(573) 651-2000
www.semo.edu

Southwest Baptist University
Bolivar, MO
(800) 526-5859
www.sbniv.edu

Truman State University
Kirksville, MO
(660) 785-4000
www.truman.edu

University of Central Missouri
Warrensburg, MO
(660) 543-4111
www.ucmo.edu

University of Missouri - Columbia
Columbia, MO
(573) 882-2121
www.missouri.edu

University of Missouri - Kansas City
Kansas City, MO
(816) 235-1000
www.umkc.edu

University of Missouri - St. Louis
St. Louis, MO
(314) 516-5000
www.umsl.edu

Washington University
St. Louis
(314) 935-5000
www.wustl.edu

Webster University
(314) 968-6900
www.websteruniv.edu

William Jewell College
Liberty, Mo
(816) 781-7700
www.jewell.edu

William Woods University
Fulton, MO
(573) 642-2251
www.williamwoods.edu



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