

# Arts & Communications



## MUSIC DIRECTOR AND COMPOSER

Conduct, direct, plan, and lead instrumental or vocal performances by musical groups, such as orchestras, choirs, and glee clubs. Includes arrangers, composers, choral directors and orchestrators.

### Knowledge and Skills Needed for this Career

In addition to courses required for high school graduation, essential skills and knowledge needed for a career as a music director and composer 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
Music directors & composers	19.3%	28.2%	52.5%
Entertainers & Performers, Sports & Related Workers	21.5%	28.8%	49.6%
Arts, Design, Sports Entertainment, & Media	15.9%	29.9%	54.2%

Most Common Educational/Training Level: Bachelor's or higher degree, plus work experience  
Apprenticeships are available for more than 240 occupations. Visit [www.oa.doleta.gov/bat.cfm](http://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	\$12.73	\$19.84	\$30.38
	Yearly	\$26,500	\$41,300	\$63,200
Missouri	Hourly	\$15.89	\$27.31	\$36.20
	Yearly	\$33,100	\$56,800	\$75,300

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

### National and State Employment Trends

Music Director & Composer	Employment		Percent Change	Job Openings*
	2006	2016		
United States	68,000	76,800	+ 13%	2,250
Missouri	1,230	1,340	+ 9 %	40

\*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](http://www.dhe.mo.gov)*

#### Avila University

Kansas City, MO  
(816) 942-8400  
[www.avila.edu](http://www.avila.edu)

#### Baptist Bible College and Graduate School

Springfield, MO  
(417) 268-6060  
[www.baptist.edu](http://www.baptist.edu)

#### Calvary Bible College and Theological Seminary

Kansas City, MO  
(816) 322-0110  
[www.calvary.edu](http://www.calvary.edu)

#### Central Bible College

Springfield, MO  
(417) 833-2551  
[www.cbccag.edu](http://www.cbccag.edu)

#### Central Methodist University - College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

Fayette, MO  
(660) 248-3391  
[www.centralmethodist.edu](http://www.centralmethodist.edu)

#### College of the Ozarks

Point Lookout, MO  
(417) 334-6411  
[www.cofo.edu](http://www.cofo.edu)

#### Evangel University

Springfield, MO  
(417) 865-2811  
[www.evangel.edu](http://www.evangel.edu)

#### Hannibal-Lagrange College

Hannibal, MO  
(573) 221-3675  
[www.hlg.edu](http://www.hlg.edu)

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**Lindenwood University**  
Saint Charles, MO  
(636) 949-2000  
[www.lindenwood.edu](http://www.lindenwood.edu)

**Lincoln University**  
Jefferson City, MO  
(573) 681-5000  
[www.lincolnu.edu](http://www.lincolnu.edu)

**Messenger College**  
Joplin, MO  
(417) 624-7070  
[www.messengercollege.edu](http://www.messengercollege.edu)

**Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary**  
Kansas City, MO  
(816) 414-3700  
[www.mbts.edu](http://www.mbts.edu)

**Missouri Baptist University**  
Saint Louis, MO  
(314) 434-1115  
[www.mobap.edu](http://www.mobap.edu)

**Missouri Southern State University**  
Joplin, MO  
(417) 625-9300  
[www.mssu.edu](http://www.mssu.edu)

**Missouri State University**  
Springfield, MO  
(417) 836-5000  
[www.missouristate.edu](http://www.missouristate.edu)

**Ozark Christian College**  
Joplin, MO  
(417) 624-2518  
[www.occ.edu](http://www.occ.edu)

**Southwest Baptist University**  
Bolivar, MO  
(800) 526-5859  
[www.sbniv.edu](http://www.sbniv.edu)

**Truman State University**  
Kirksville, MO  
(660) 785-4000  
[www.truman.edu](http://www.truman.edu)

**University of Missouri-Kansas City**  
Kansas City, MO  
(816) 235-1000  
[www.umkc.edu](http://www.umkc.edu)

**University of Missouri-St Louis**  
Saint Louis, MO  
(314) 516-5000  
[www.umsl.edu](http://www.umsl.edu)

**Webster University**  
Saint Louis, MO  
(314) 961-2660  
[www.webster.edu](http://www.webster.edu)

**William Jewell College**  
Liberty, MO  
(816) 781-7700  
[www.jewell.edu](http://www.jewell.edu)



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