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HELPING STUDENTS BECOME CREATORS

Manufacturing workers are in high demand — and employers are paying for qualified talent. As an education professional, you have great influence over student career pathways. You know that a traditional four-year university degree isn't right for every student. The good news is today's economy has great opportunities for students who are ready to become creators in our growing manufacturing industry. Great jobs are available in communities across Missouri. For many students the best pathway to these careers is through a community or technical college. Help your students become aware of these great opportunities that exist right in your own backyard.



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Source: <https://www.ziprecruiter.com/Salaries>

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Advanced manufacturing machinist
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The numbers tell the story

Today in Missouri there are more than 6,500 factories employing more than 270,000 Missourians — and those numbers are only rising. If these statistics doesn't make you confident in manufacturing careers, have a conversation with a local manufacturer. They will validate that there are great opportunities for your students who have the aspiration and skills they need.

Get started today

Your students have an opportunity to thrive professionally and succeed quickly in manufacturing. Make your students aware of the opportunities and let them know that employees want their talent!

Get educated:

- Explore the technical training opportunities available within your region and begin to provide this information simultaneously with four year opportunities
- Visit a local manufacturing facility to understand what modern manufacturing is all about

Get involved:

- Participating in a MFG Day activity for your students. MFG Day events include a visit to a local facility, a virtual manufacturing tour online, or a presentation from a local manufacturer
- Learn more at creatorswanted.com or mochamber.com/event/mfgday

Get proactive:

- Request literature from your local community or technical college about their manufacturing programs and make it available to your students
- Explore credentialing curriculum to easily integrate into your career preparation programs — learn more at themanufacturinginstitute.org/workers/skills-certification
- Contact the Missouri Chamber Manufacturing Alliance directly at (573) 634.3511 or email bcrouse@mochamber.com

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MANUFACTURE YOUR FUTURE!

Figuring out what you want to do with your life after high school is overwhelming...

You constantly have these questions thrown at you — **What are your plans after high school? What are you interested in?** But in the end, it comes down to you and what you're passionate about. To make that decision, you need to know about careers that provide competitive salaries and don't require a mountain of student debt. ***Sound interesting?***

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The impact of manufacturing is bigger than you think

In manufacturing, you can develop medicine that saves someone's life or create instruments played by some of the world's greatest artists. Not many people can say that about their job! All you need is some technical skills. It doesn't require years of schooling and high-level degrees, just a good work ethic and industry certifications. These certifications allow employers to understand your skills and hire you into the right career. Earning certifications will increase your chances of obtaining a well-paid, respected job.

This isn't grandpa's manufacturing

Today's manufacturing industry is about advanced technologies, state-of-the-art facilities, and fast paced work environments. Most importantly, manufacturing is about creating products that impact everyone's daily lives and change the world.

Want to see it for yourself? Take a tour through a local manufacturing facility online at mochamber.com/event/mfgday.



Additional Resources:

- Visit creatorswanted.org to learn about manufacturing events and plant tours in your area
- Speak to your guidance counselor and ask to learn more about manufacturing
- Enroll in a local SkillsUSA or First Robotics Competition group
- Visit the Missouri Chamber's website mochamber.com/membership/manufacturing-alliance/

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