

Fall JAMS 2026 Information

What: Work with a group of 20 Apprentice Artists creating unique artwork and earning a paycheck in Van Go's arts based, on-the-job training program!

Where: Work will be onsite at Van Go, 715 New Jersey Street, Lawrence, KS 66044

When:

- Monday, September 21st – Thursday, November 12th, 2026
 - Adornment Opening Night: Saturday, November 28th, 2026
- Work hours: Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 3:45pm-6:00pm, Wednesdays, 3:00-6:00pm (approximately 10 hours per week for 8 weeks).
 - Transportation to Van Go after school is available on Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays from LHS & FSHS.
 - An afterschool snack will be provided upon arrival.

Requirements:

- You must have at least one qualifying factor as indicated on the application
- To be considered, you must be able to attend **all** scheduled workdays (i.e. no conflicting vacations, school activities, other jobs, etc.)
- You must be 14-18 years old.
- You must live in Douglas County.
- You must bring a positive attitude to work with you, be cooperative and willing to WORK HARD each day.

How to Apply:

- ✓ **Applications Available:** Wednesday, August 5th, 2026
- ✓ Applications can be obtained through one of our referral agents (i.e. School counselors or social workers, Bert Nash, DCYS, O'Connell Children's Shelter, LDCHA, and other youth service organizations) or by contacting Van Go directly.
- ✓ **Applications should be submitted in person or via email to apply@van-go.org**
- ✓ **Application Deadline:** Thursday, August 20th, 2026, no later than 5:30pm

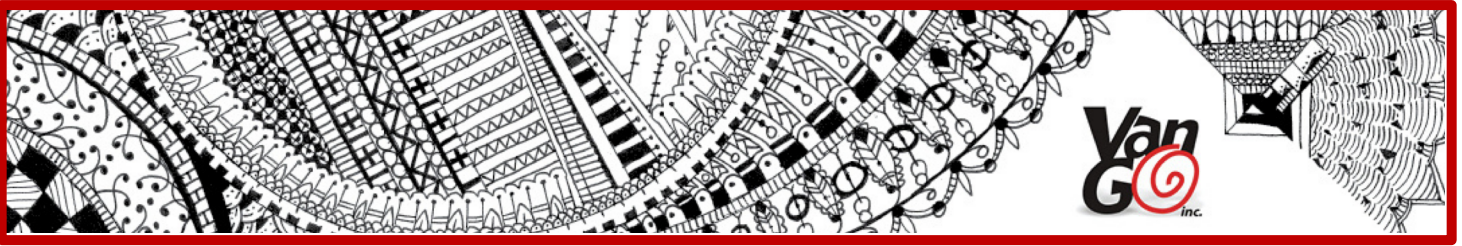
Questions: Contact Emma Givens, Employment Services Director

Van Go, Inc. (785) 842-3797 / apply@van-go.org / www.van-go.org

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Van Go, Inc. – JAMS Apprentice Artist Application

JAMS is more than just a job –

We put art to work and spark what is possible through creative expression!

Thank you for your interest in working in Van Go's JAMS Program!
We are excited to find out more about you through this application and understand why you want to work for 8 weeks in a meaningful job creating art, learning & getting paid!

Van Go is dedicated to employing youth (ages 14-18) to create art, while providing comprehensive employability & life skills training, health & wellness education and social service supports.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Name (First, Middle, Last):			
Preferred Name:		Preferred Pronouns:	
Date of Birth:	Age:	Gender:	
Race/Ethnicity:		Social Security Number:	
How did you first hear about JAMS?	Parent/Family/Friend	Teacher/Counselor/Professional	
Website	Social Media	Poster/Flyer	Other:

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Address/Street:			Apartment # (if applicable):
City:	State:	Zip Code:	County:
Home Phone:		Cell Phone:	
Email Address:			
School:		Current Grade:	
Parent/Guardian Name(s):			
Relationship:		Parent/Guardian Contact Phone:	

PRIOR EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION:

Van Go's JAMS Program is designed for participants with limited or no prior work experience. The program will provide participants with 'on-the-job' employability skills training employers value to increase their marketability and successes in future employment settings.

Have you worked in a prior JAMS session?	Yes	No	If yes, when:
Did you complete the entire session?	Yes	No	If no, why:
Have you applied for JAMS before?	Yes	No	If yes, when:
Do you have any prior work experience?	Yes	No	If yes, please complete the following for each place you have worked:
1) Employer Name:		Job Title:	
Supervisor Name:		Dates of Employment:	
Reason for Leaving:			

Van Go, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

PRIOR EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION Continued:

2) Employer Name:

Job Title:

Supervisor Name:

Dates of Employment:

Reason for Leaving:

Have you worked for more than two employers?

Yes

No

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION:

Van Go receives funding from a variety of sources, to include local, state, federal government and foundations/grants. As such, we have to establish eligibility for program inclusion and report demographic information on participants served. Your information will remain confidential and will be used for reporting purposes only.

**If you have any questions about eligibility or a referral source to list, please contact our staff at 785.842.3797*

Please check all of the eligibility criteria that apply and provide details where indicated:

Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or 504 Plan
Please list reason & Name of IEP Coordinator:

Receiving or ever received Mental Health Services
Please List Diagnosis & Mental Health Provider:

Live in a household that falls below the federal poverty line (i.e. food stamps, TANF, Medicaid, reside in Section 8/public housing or homeless)

Have taken or are currently taking medications for mental health diagnosis. Please list medications:

Participate in or eligible for free/reduced lunch program

Have been or are currently involved in Juvenile Justice / Dept. of Correction Services

Have had in the past or currently have a DCF Worker

Have been or are currently in the foster care system

Have been or are currently involved in truancy services

Pregnant or Parenting

Other identified disability or need for supports
Please list:

None of these criteria apply

CONTACT / REFERRAL SOURCE TO VERIFY ELIGIBILITY:

Please provide the name and contact information for someone who can verify and/or provide any necessary information regarding your eligibility for JAMS. During the application review process, they may be contacted to provide additional details to establish you are eligible for the program.

Contact/Referral Name:

Relationship:

Phone:

Email:

QUESTIONS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOU:

- What is your learning style?
Please check all that apply:

Visual Learner

Hands-on / Tactile Learner

Verbal / Auditory Learner

Other (Please list):

- Please list some specific things that will help you focus and fully participate in a new learning environment:

- Please share a story about a meaningful experience, interest or person that, by sharing this story, will help us learn more about you and help make your application complete (200-300 words please):

- Describe what you are hoping to learn or gain from working in the JAMS Program? (150 words please)

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| • Do you have reliable transportation to and from Van Go? | Yes | No | If 'no', please explain: |
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ATTENDANCE & APPLICATION CERTIFICATIONS:

JAMS FALL 2026 Session Details:

- **Session Dates:** Monday, September 21st – Thursday, November 12th, 2026
- **Program Hours:** Mon, Tues & Thurs 3:45pm-6:00pm, Wed 3:00pm-6:00pm
 - Transportation to Van Go after-school is available on Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays from LHS & FSHS
- **Location:** Van Go, Inc. - 715 New Jersey St., Lawrence, KS 66044
- **Application Deadline:** **Thursday, August 20th, 2026 by 5:30pm** (see below for application submission details)

JAMS Attendance Statement:

Van Go JAMS is an 8-week, 10 hour/week program. Regular and on-time attendance is necessary to get the full benefits of the program, including school credit, and complete all assigned work. There are no opportunities for 'make-up' days due to late arrivals or absences. As such, priority consideration will be given to applicants who are able to attend all scheduled JAMS days/hours.

I will be available to attend each of the scheduled program days at Van Go (i.e. no conflicting school activities, travel plans, employment, appointments, etc. during the scheduled time frame).

Yes No If 'no', please explain:

Please sign below as an acknowledgement of the following:

- All of the information provided in your application is correct.
- You have read the JAMS 2026 Session Details listed above.
- You have read and agree to the JAMS Attendance Statement listed above.

Applicant Printed Name:

Applicant Signature:

Date:

PARENT/GUARDIAN APPLICATION CONSENT:

Please sign below as an acknowledgement of the following:

- All of the information provided in this application is correct.
- You have read the JAMS 2026 Session Details listed above and are in support of this application.
- You have read and agree to the JAMS Attendance Statement and the availability response listed above.

Parent/Guardian Printed Name:

Relationship:

Phone:

Email:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date:

QUESTIONS & APPLICATION SUBMISSION DETAILS:

Contact for Questions: Van Go, Inc. (785) 842-3797 / apply@van-go.org / www.van-go.org

To Submit Applications - Email completed applications to: apply@van-go.org

Drop off applications: Van Go, 715 New Jersey Street, Monday - Friday between 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Thank you for your application!