



# Service King Apprentice Program Registered by US Department of Labor

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**RICHARDSON, Texas (December 21, 2017)** — Service King Collision Repair Centers today announced its fast-growing Apprentice Development Program has officially received certification from the U.S. Department of Labor. Officials from the Department of Labor, Texas State Representatives and Service King teammates held an official signing ceremony commemorating the milestone Thursday, Dec. 21 at Service King's National Support Center in Richardson, Texas. Service King is the first auto body repair company in the nation to earn apprenticeship certification from the Department of Labor.

"This is certainly a proud moment for the Service King family as we continue investing in the development and training of the next generation of skilled automotive technicians," said Chris Abraham, Service King CEO. "The Apprentice Development Program has long been a vision of our company and we couldn't be more proud to see its growth across the country. It's our mission to equip aspiring technicians with a firm foundation of quality training, hands-on experience and ultimately a long, rewarding career as a Service King teammate."

The company's certification comes on the heels of the White House Executive Order signed in June promoting the growth of apprenticeship programs across the U.S. Furthermore, the Service King program was instituted to proactively combat a reported 13 percent decline in the population of automotive repair and maintenance workers between 2002-2014 as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

"I am so happy to have Service King operate in North Texas," said State Representative Angie Chen Button. "Creating a skilled workforce is vital to our state's economy and providing opportunities for job seekers."

As a certified apprenticeship program, Service King's Apprentice Development Program positions itself to become eligible to receive federal workforce and education funds to reinvest into the growth of the program. Aspiring auto body technicians interested in Service King's Apprentice Development Program are encouraged to learn more by visiting [ServiceKing.com/careers](http://ServiceKing.com/careers).

According to the Department of Labor, certified apprenticeships help businesses develop highly skilled employees, increase productivity, reduce turnover and lower the cost of recruitment. Furthermore, apprenticeships provide customized training, safer workplaces as well as a stable and reliable pipeline of qualified talent.

The Service King Apprentice Development Program provides incoming technicians a hands-on training program featuring personalized instruction from an Apprentice Supervisor solely dedicated to the program. The program features an immersive and proprietary curriculum that promotes a focused learning environment. To achieve this, each class is capped at four apprentices per instructor. To ensure a real-world environment, all apprenticeships are hosted inside Service King Collision Repair Centers across the country.

The program has been widely heralded in the media, and across the industry, for its success in attracting and training young talent, including recent coverage by Dallas CBS affiliate KTVT and the Dallas Morning News.

For more information, or to locate a local Service King Collision Repair Center, visit [www.ServiceKing.com](http://www.ServiceKing.com) and follow the organization on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

## ABOUT SERVICE KING COLLISION REPAIR CENTERS

Service King Collision Repair Centers®, with more than 40 years of experience in the automotive repair industry, is a leading national operator of comprehensive, high-quality collision repair facilities. The organization is consistently recognized for its commitment to customer satisfaction, quality workmanship and giving back to the industry through innovative training and recruiting initiatives. Service King traces its roots back to Dallas, Texas and founder Eddie Lennox who opened the very first Service King in 1976. Today, Service King operates locations in 24 states across the U.S. In 2015, Service King was named the No. 1 Best Place to Work by both the Dallas and San Antonio Business Journals. For more information and to find a local Service King, visit [www.ServiceKing.com](http://www.ServiceKing.com) and follow Service King news on Facebook and Twitter.