



# AIR QUALITY AND TECHNICIAN TRAINING PROGRAM



## Promoting Student Careers

The Smog Check Referee Program supports the training of hundreds of future smog technicians through the Student Technician Training Program—a comprehensive paid training program that allows students to earn college credit working alongside Referees. Technician training presents a clear path for students to enter the workforce and earn living wages.

The Foundation's Air Quality Programs directly benefit colleges, students, and the community, contributing to cleaner air and expanding student career training opportunities in the automotive field.

## Clearing up Smog

For over a decade, the Smog Check Referee Program has improved smog checks and contributed to cleaner air. The program is a collaborative effort between the Bureau of Automotive Repair and the Foundation. Referees have the expertise and equipment necessary to resolve unique situations, helping motorists obtain their Smog Check certificates—and improving air quality for all Californians. Stations are located on 31 California Community College campuses.

Smog Check Referee appointments are scheduled through the bilingual Smog Check Referee Call Center, housed at the Foundation. Call Center staff also assist consumers with locating emission control parts and answer smog check questions.

The Foundation also supports students through the Automotive Resource Center, developed for the Bureau of Automotive Repair. This web-based suite of tools facilitates training opportunities and increases collaboration between individuals in the automotive industry.

## Expanding Partnerships

Building on our long-standing partnership with the Bureau of Automotive Repair, the Foundation is generating new opportunities. We are working with the California Air Resources Board to improve coursework and provide training opportunities to Community College students studying small engine maintenance and repair. We are also developing a vehicle retirement program that will improve air quality and support Community Colleges.

The Foundation is poised to further our relationships to address environmental issues beyond air quality, positioning California Community College students at the forefront of new environmental initiatives.

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## Highlights

- 17,000 consumer vehicles serviced at Referee stations each year
- Over 1,000 students trained and employed through the Smog Check Referee Program overall
- 940 tons of emissions removed from California's air
- 60,000 consumers assisted each year through the Referee call center

## Current and Former Partners

- California Air Resources Board
- Department of Consumer Affairs – Bureau of Automotive Repair
- San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
- South Coast Air Quality Management District

The Foundation for California Community Colleges is the official foundation to the California Community Colleges' Board of Governors and Chancellor's Office. The Foundation's mission is to benefit, support, and enhance the missions of the California Community College system, the largest higher education system in the nation. Incorporated in 1998, the Foundation works with Community Colleges and partner organizations to manage donations, grants, programs, and services that drive excellence in education. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit corporation and receives no direct state support.

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