

Testimonial: Elvis Byron Claiborne

“My name is Elvis Byron Claiborne, and I am proud to say that the ABC Apprenticeship program changed the course of my life.

My journey into the trades started in an unexpected place—while I was still in custody. At that time, I didn’t know what my future would look like, but I was determined not to go back down the wrong path. A counselor told me about ABC and the opportunities in the electrical trade. I applied right after my release, went through the orientation process, and within 120 days I was walking onto my first job site. That was the beginning of a career that not only gave me stability but truly saved my life.

The apprenticeship gave me more than just technical knowledge—it gave me purpose, discipline, and confidence. I came in knowing nothing about construction, and ABC taught me everything I needed to succeed. Today, I’m an electrical foreman, a teacher in the apprenticeship program, and a mentor to the next generation of electricians. I’ve been in the trade for nearly 20 years, and I still see doors opening that I never thought possible.

I wholeheartedly recommend ABC to anyone considering their future. This program is America’s best kept secret. It provides a real alternative to college, pays well, and leads to a career that is both rewarding and essential. Electricity powers our world, and being part of that gives you skills you can take anywhere.

ABC didn’t just give me a job—it gave me a future. It gave me the chance to give back, to provide for my family, and to help others see that no matter where you start, you can build a life you’re proud of.”

— **Elvis Byron Claiborne, Electrical Foreman & ABC Graduate**