



## ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS



### *First-Time Intern to Full-Time Educator*

## DIAMOND JACKSON BRINGS ENERGY EFFICIENCY TO HER COMMUNITY

In its mission for equality, the Springfield branch of the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) seeks to bring energy justice to the Land of Lincoln.

As one of the first energy efficiency interns with the Springfield NAACP, Diamond Jackson learned how the right light bulbs, advanced power strips, and smart thermostats can help Ameren Illinois customers save money. Her experience as an intern paved the way for Diamond to land a full-time job in May 2020 as Energy Efficiency Liaison for the Springfield NAACP.

Diamond’s journey from first-time intern to full-time educator began with the Ameren Illinois Energy Efficiency Internship Program. Launched in 2018, the Program aims to establish a pipeline of diverse, local talent for the growing energy efficiency industry.

Working with partner organizations like the NAACP, Ameren Illinois provides hands-on job training and industry-related education for selected intern recipients every summer. Interns learn about employment opportunities, receive mentorship from professionals, and build skills that will help them secure a full-time position in energy efficiency — just like Diamond Jackson.

Today, she impacts her community by teaching citizens how smart thermostats can help them save on their monthly power bill.

“I believe internships with companies such as Ameren Illinois are important because they give interns an opportunity to network and develop transferrable skills to use in the workplace,” says Diamond. “As the first-time intern to full-time hire for the Ameren Illinois and Springfield NAACP partnership, I appreciate the meaningful purpose of the partnership and how my position plays a role in educating our community about smart thermostats and energy efficiency.”

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Since 2018, Ameren Illinois has funded **36 interns**.



The Energy Efficiency Internship Program prepares the next generation of workers for the growing energy efficiency industry.



**10 to 15** promising students gain hands-on education and opportunities every summer.

For more information on the Ameren Illinois Energy Efficiency Internship Program, visit [AmerenIllinoisSavings.com/Internships](https://AmerenIllinoisSavings.com/Internships)

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