

## **Admission and Application Requirements**

- Pursuing an undergraduate degree from Prairie View A&M University with a minimum 3.2 grade point average (GPA) on a 4.00 grading scale.
- Completed at least 30 semester credit hours (sophomore or higher).
- Must be a Finance major at the time of application.
- Must have at least two summers remaining as an undergraduate student at the time of application (graduation after summer 2026).
- Must submit a letter of recommendation from a professor who can attest to the student's leadership and academic experience.
- Must submit a resume with evidence of the following:
  - o Excellent Communication Skills: Verbal and written skills to build relationships
  - Analytical Thinking: Strong problem-solving skills
  - o Critical Reasoning Skills: Ability to think critically about complex situations
  - Proficiency in Excel
- Interview with the ETP Board Member Committee.

All applicants must submit three (3) one-page essays (single-spaced, font size 12, one-inch margins). Applicants must answer essay prompts 1 and 2. In addition, applicants must select one of the essay prompts (3, 4 or 5) for the final essay.

## Essay Prompt 1 (Required, respond to part I and part II)

**Describe your Professional Aspirations** 

- I. Describe your career goals.
- II. How did a specific personal experience in your life influence your interest in energy trading, and how has it shaped your professional aspirations?

## **Essay Prompt 2 (Required)**

Write about anything exceptional or unique the board should consider when reviewing your application.

## Essay Prompts 3 - 5 (select one of the following)

- 1. Discuss a traded market or investment that interests you (i.e., commodities, stocks, bonds, etc.). What about it interests you? How do you envision the evolution of this market or investment?
- 2. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) are both laws that provide funding and policy support for energy-related initiatives. Evaluate the effect on the energy industry in the short term and long term. How will this impact your life?
- 3. What impacts will Artificial Intelligence have on the energy market?

Applications will be available **September 11 – October 11, 2024**, on the PVAMU Energy Trade Program site at <a href="www.pvamu.edu/etp">www.pvamu.edu/etp</a>. Applications must be submitted online. Type, click, or tap the link for program information or scan the QR Code for details.

