



Admission and Application Requirements

- Current student seeking 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 or Energy Trading minor at the time of application.
- Must have at least two summers remaining as an undergraduate student at the time of application.
- 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:
 - Excellent Communication Skills: Verbal and written skills to build relationships
 - Analytical Thinking: Strong problem-solving skills
 - Critical Reasoning Skills: Ability to think critically about complex situations
 - Proficiency in Excel
- Submit three essays from the prompts provided.
- Interview with the ETP Board Member Committee.

Applications will be available on the PVAMU Energy Trade Program site at www.pvamu.edu/etp during the application period. All materials must be submitted online. Type, click, or tap the link for program information or scan the QR Code for details.



Energy Trading Program Essay Prompts

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 that the board should consider when reviewing your application.

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

3. 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?
4. 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?
5. What impacts will Artificial Intelligence have on the energy market?

A note on the use of AI in essay responses

The review committee understands that some student applicants may choose to use AI tools as part of their writing process. Using these resources for grammar support, spelling suggestions or help organizing your thoughts is acceptable.

However, essays are expected to represent your own ideas, experiences and voice. The review committee expects submissions to be authentic, personal, and original.

Responses that rely too heavily on AI – such as those that appear generic, impersonal or entirely generated – may receive lower evaluations as they may not demonstrate your unique and individual perspective.

Please be thoughtful, responsible and transparent in your use of AI tools or third-party applications for writing support.