

Knight-Hennessy Scholars Program

Stanford University

ELIGIBILITY

- Citizens of all countries
- Applying to enroll in any full-time graduate degree program at Stanford
- You are in your final year of study for your bachelor's degree or within four years of earning your bachelor's degree (Veterans - six years).

CRITERIA

Independence of Thought

- Demonstrates mental sharpness and intellectual ability
- Seeks out knowledge and new experiences
- Full of original ideas
- Makes sense of ambiguous situations
- Can hold a contrarian or dissenting point of view

Purposeful Leadership

- Ambitious, in the best sense of the word
- Driven to improve self
- Able to include and elevate others
- Self-aware and adaptable
- Persistent and resilient

Civic Mindset

- Personally humble and kind
- Supportive and accountable
- Embraces difference
- Concerned for and helpful to others

Take advantage of opportunities

AWARDS

- Tuition and fees
- Stipend for living and academic expenses (such as room and board, books, academic supplies, instructional materials, local transportation, and reasonable personal expenses)
- Travel stipend to cover an economy-class ticket for one annual trip to and from Stanford.
- Community of Scholars

SELECTION PROCESS

- APPLY FOR STANFORD PROGRAM
- Early August: Application opens
- Early October: Deadline of Knight Hennessy Application
- January: Notification of Finalists
- Late February: Up to 150 finalists invited to Stanford for “Immersion Weekend”
- Mid March: 75 Knight-Hennessy Scholars Announced

APPLICATION

- Online Application
- Transcript(s)
- One-page Resume
- Two Recommendation letters
- Essays
- Video Story (Invitation Only)

Resume

- Highlight of your experiences, interests, and academic record in reverse-chronological order
- Include professional and/or extracurricular experiences
- Emphasize leadership, research, and service activities
- Select a font size that ensures your document is legible.

RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

- Provide **specific examples and evidence** of your ability and determination to make a difference.
- Separate letter from departmental recommendation letters.
- Focus on Leadership, Service and Commitment to future career goal.
- No institutional endorsement is required.

ESSAYS

- After graduating from Stanford, what are your immediate and long-term intentions? How will your Knight-Hennessy Scholars experience prepare you to realize your intentions? (Limit 250 words)
- Please tell us when and how you: (limit 150 words for all three responses combined)
 1. Made someone particularly proud of you
 2. Were most challenges
 3. Did not meet expectations

ESSAYS

- Please tell us eight improbable facts (things that are unlikely but true) about you. (Limit 150 words for all eight responses combined)
- Connect the dots. How have the influences in your life shaped you? (Limit 600 words)

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