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
• 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.
• 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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