Read This First

**Application ID:**
**Applicant Name:**

Thank you for beginning your application to the 2025 cohort of Knight-Hennessy Scholars at Stanford University. We are eager to learn about what you have done, who you are, and what you aspire to do in the future.

To be considered for selection as a Knight-Hennessy scholar, you must submit an application to Knight-Hennessy Scholars (KHS) and a separate application to the graduate degree program(s) that you wish to pursue. Full application instructions are available on our website.

You must submit your Stanford graduate degree program application(s) by the **program deadline, or December 1, 2024 at 1:00 pm (Pacific Time), whichever occurs first.**

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**Knight-Hennessy Scholars Application Deadline**

**Wednesday, October 9, 2024 at 1:00 pm (Pacific Time)**

You must submit all KHS application materials by the above deadline. Your recommenders should also submit letters of reference by this deadline.

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**Stanford Graduate Degree Program Application Deadline**

You must submit your Stanford graduate degree program application by the **program deadline, or December 1, 2024 at 1:00 pm (Pacific Time), whichever occurs first.**
The deadline to submit your graduate degree program application(s) depends on the specific degree program. Review Stanford’s graduate degree programs to ensure Stanford offers the degree program that you wish to pursue.

Please note that applicants to the following Stanford graduate degree programs are not eligible for Knight-Hennessy Scholars:

- Applicants to the Honors Cooperative Program
- Applicants to the Master of Liberal Arts
- Applicants to the Doctor of Science of Law (JSD)
- Current Stanford students applying for coterminal graduate study
- Current Stanford PhD students adding an MA or MS degree in their current discipline.

**If You Have a Question**

Please carefully review the Admission section of the KHS website, including the Admission FAQs, where you can find answers to most questions about applying to Knight-Hennessy Scholars. You can also find information about who is eligible to apply, what we look for, application requirements, and deadlines.

If you have reviewed the KHS website and can’t find an answer to your question:

- Attend an information session, application workshop, and/or admission Q&A.
- Email us at khscholars@stanford.edu.
- Call us at +1.650.721.0771, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm (Pacific Time), Monday through Friday.

**Technical Note**

*Save your work often (at least once every 30 minutes) by clicking “Continue” at the bottom of the page.* If you remain on a page for more than 60 minutes, you will be logged out of the application system. Any unsaved responses will be lost.
Personal Background

Stanford is committed to creating an inclusive, accessible, diverse, and equitable university for all of our community members. In this section, we invite you to share biographical and demographic information that may provide the admission committee with a more holistic view of your lived experiences. We also need to know how to contact you if an aspect of your application requires clarification.

All admission decisions are made in awareness of and in compliance with the June 2023 U.S. Supreme Court decision in the SFFA v. Harvard and UNC case. Your responses (or declining to respond to optional questions) will not have a negative impact on the review of your application.

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Required fields are indicated with *

Name

First (Given) Name*

Middle Name

Last (Family) Name*

Suffix

Preferred First Name (what you prefer we call you)
Additional Last Names Used

**Addresses** *(provide at least one)*

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*Add Address*

**Email Address**

Current Email

Need to change this email address? Migrate Account.

**Telephone Numbers** *(include +country code)*

Primary Phone*

Mobile Phone

**Biographical Information**

Additional Sex/Gender Information

Sex*

Gender (optional)
If you wish, you may share additional information about your gender/gender identity below, including preferred pronouns.

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Birthdate

Birth Country
Birth City

Citizenship Information

Additional Citizenship Information

Citizenship*

If you hold multiple citizenships, please list your second citizenship here.
Supplemental Background

We ask for information about your family circumstances, undergraduate funding sources, and spoken languages to better understand the context of your lived experiences to date. While we appreciate the opportunity to review your application contextually, responses to the questions on this page are optional.

Family Information

Please select “Add Parent/Guardian” below for each of your parents/guardians, even if one or more is deceased or no longer has legal responsibilities toward you.

You may submit up to four parent/guardian relationships, if applicable.

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Do you have a relative or significant other who is planning to submit an application for admission to a Stanford graduate degree program for autumn 2025?

☐
Undergraduate Funding Sources

How did you fund your undergraduate education?

**Example**

Sophia calculated the total cost of attendance for her undergraduate education, including tuition and living expenses. She paid for 10% of that total using money she earned from working; 20% came from her parents and other family members; 20% was covered by loans; and she received a scholarship that covered the remaining 50%. She would complete this section as follows:

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**Spoken Languages**

You may enter a maximum of five languages in this section. If you speak more than five languages, or if you speak a language not included in the dropdown list, you may include this information on the Additional Information page of your application.

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Add Language
Graduate Degree Program

This page asks for information regarding the Stanford graduate degree program(s) you are pursuing in conjunction with this Knight-Hennessy Scholars application. **You must submit a separate application to the graduate degree program(s) that you select on this page** to be considered for selection as a Knight-Hennessy scholar. Please see our website for more information about applying to your Stanford graduate degree program(s).

Please review the Stanford Graduate Admissions website for the list of available degree programs.

You may apply to only one Stanford graduate degree program in an application year, with the following exceptions:

- Within the Biosciences, you may select up to two PhD programs within one application.
- You may apply concurrently to one academic program and to one professional program (business, law, or medicine), or to two professional programs. Please review the corresponding program pages for the policies regarding compatible joint- and dual-degree programs.

Refer to the below instructions for specific scenarios:

[+] Medical Scientist Training Program applicants
[+] Berg Scholars Program applicants
[+] MBA applicants
[+] Joint MA in Education applicants
[+] Current Stanford graduate students
[+] Deferred Admission Applicants

If none of the scenarios listed above apply, you should list only **one** degree program below (Status = Applying).

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**Stanford Graduate Degree Program Application Deadline**

The deadline to submit your graduate degree program application(s) depends on the specific degree program. Review Stanford’s graduate degree programs to ensure Stanford offers the degree program that you wish to pursue.
Academic History

Undergraduate/Graduate Study

List every institution where you have been enrolled full-time in an undergraduate or graduate degree program. Click "Edit" or "Add Institution" to complete the form fields.

- If you are currently an enrolled student at Stanford University, include Stanford as one of your institutions.
- If you are currently enrolled at an institution, enter the expected date of your graduation under both dates attended and degree awarded date.
- If you earned or expect to earn multiple degrees from the same institution, add a new institution entry for each additional degree.
- If you attended more than five postsecondary institutions in degree-seeking programs, include the additional schools and dates of attendance under Additional Background.

For each institution you list below, upload your transcript if you attended for one academic year or longer.

- The transcript may be unofficial or official, whichever is easier for you to obtain.
- The transcript must be in English and must indicate the degree conferred and the conferral date, if applicable.
- If you are unable to obtain an unofficial or official transcript from your institution, you may use the self-reported transcript template.
- You may use the self-reported transcript template if your institution does not provide an English-translated transcript.
- If there is no rank in class indicated on your transcript, then you do not need to enter a rank in class.
- If there is no GPA indicated on your transcript, then you do not need to enter a GPA.

Required fields are indicated with *

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Are you a first-generation college student?*
Select yes if neither of your parents graduated from a four-year college or university.

Please indicate the highest level of education completed by either of your parents.*

Secondary School/High School

Complete the following information for the last secondary/high school you attended.

School Name

Country

City

State

Start Date

End Date
Work Experience

Please share information about your internships and work experience (full-time and part-time), if applicable, in the space below. These experiences provide context about your professional path to date and are opportunities to demonstrate our selection criteria. You may enter a maximum of six work experiences on this page. Please list the six most recent experiences below. If you would like to share more, you may include the additional employers and dates of employment under Additional Background.

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Activities and Interests

We want to understand what matters to you and how you spend your time beyond your academic and professional pursuits. If applicable, please list **up to three** activities and/or interests in order of significance to you, with the most meaningful listed first (i.e., the first item on the list should be the activity or interest that matters most to you). If there are additional activities you wish to tell us about, you may include them on your resume.

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Awards and Honors

If applicable, please tell us about your awards or honors here. Add **up to three** awards in order of significance to you, with the most meaningful listed first (i.e., the first item on the list should be the award or honor that matters most to you). If there are additional awards you wish to tell us about, you may include them on your resume.

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If your graduate degree program requires test scores, then you are required to submit test scores for your Knight-Hennessy Scholars application.
Please see our website for more information about test scores.
Refer to the Graduate Admissions website for program-specific testing requirements.

- Any required test scores are due by your graduate degree program’s application deadline or the Knight-Hennessy Scholars application deadline, whichever is later. Refer to program-specific deadlines on the Read This First page.

- While you may submit your Knight-Hennessy Scholars application without test scores, we encourage you to submit any available test scores as early as possible. You will have the opportunity to provide new or updated scores after application submission by navigating to your status page.

- You do not need to send official test scores to Knight-Hennessy Scholars. We will accept your self-reported scores entered on this page or submitted via your status page after application submission.

- Please list all test scores that you plan to submit to your graduate degree program. If you list multiple scores for the same test, the Knight-Hennessy Scholars admission committee will see the highest score from each section and, for tests that compute a total score, the highest score from one sitting.

- If you are required to submit results from an English proficiency test (e.g., TOEFL) for your graduate degree program application, please include those test scores on this page or submit them via your status page after application submission. Review full information on Stanford's language proficiency requirements here.

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Resume

Your one-page resume frames your intellectual, personal, and professional background and accomplishments. It is fine to include information that is duplicated in other sections of your application (e.g., Academics, Employment, Activities, Awards). Think of your resume as introducing the “headlines” of your experiences to date and providing context that helps us evaluate the rest of your application materials. Please see our website for more information about what should be included in your resume.

If you’ve worked for more than a decade, you may add a page to your resume for additional context and depth. Otherwise, please limit your resume to one page. Additionally, please do not include external links on your resume as we will not review materials external to your application.

Upload your one-page resume (Word or PDF formats only)
Browse... No file selected.
Recommendation Letters

Your letters of recommendation provide an external perspective on your abilities and accomplishments. They help us identify the very strongest candidates from a pool of many well-qualified applicants. Your recommendation letters allow you to nominate two strong advocates who will complement your application contributions and confirm your qualifications, your potential, and your demonstration of our three selection criteria.

Refer to the Recommendation Letters page of our website for guidance on choosing your recommenders.

Two letters of recommendation must be submitted by the application deadline:
October 9, 2024 at 1:00 pm (Pacific Time)

- Register your two recommenders as early in the application process as possible. You can register them at the bottom of this page.
- You may submit your application before your recommenders submit their letters. After submitting your application, you may continue to monitor the status of your letters of recommendations on your application status page.
- Your recommenders must be the sole authors of your letters of recommendation. Drafting, writing, translating, or submitting your own letters of recommendation, even if asked to do so by a recommender, is a violation of our application terms. You are responsible for informing your recommenders of this policy.

When you add a recommender below, the application system will send a personalized link to that individual to submit their recommendation online. After your recommender submits a recommendation letter, you will receive an email notification and the status on this page will automatically update.

**Need to change a recommender?** Click “Edit” next to the recommender you wish to replace, then click “Exclude” at the bottom of the popup window. The recommender you exclude will not receive an email notification about this change. You will then see the option to add a new recommender.

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Short Answers and Essay

The short-answer and essay questions invite you to share in your own words what you have done, who you are, and what you aspire to do in the future. Remember that you have listed activities and accomplishments in your resume and background information, so take this opportunity to show your more personal side. There are no right answers, topics, or formats — only you can tell your own story. The strongest responses are so personal to you that no one else could have possibly written them.

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- We recommend that you write and save your short answers/essay in a separate document, then copy-and-paste your responses to this page.
- Pay attention to the word limit listed next to each question. The text box will not hold content that exceeds the limit.
- Be sure to preview your application PDF on the Review page to ensure that your short answer and essay responses are displayed correctly and completely.

*Required fields are indicated with *

**Short Answer 1**

Describe your short term and long term academic and professional intentions. (250 word limit)
Short Answer 2

Please tell us when you:

Engaged with someone with a different perspective

Acted with courage

Fell short of expectations

Combined Word Count (out of 250 words maximum)
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Short Answer 3

Please tell us eight improbable facts about you. These could include facts that people wouldn’t expect to be true and/or facts that others are surprised to learn about you.

Improbable Fact #1
Improbable Fact #2
Improbable Fact #3
Improbable Fact #4
Improbable Fact #5
Improbable Fact #6
Improbable Fact #7
Improbable Fact #8

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Essay

Connect the dots. How have the influences in your life shaped you?* (Limit: 500 words)
## Additional Background

*Required fields are indicated with *

### Are you a currently enrolled graduate student at Stanford as of Autumn 2024?

No 🔵

### Previous Application

Have you previously submitted an application to Knight-Hennessy Scholars?*

No 🔵

### Personal Conduct

Have you ever been suspended, dismissed, or placed on enforced leave from any college, university, or post-secondary institution or been the subject of disciplinary action by such an institution? (Selecting "Yes" does not disqualify you from admission; we seek to understand the context of your individual circumstances.)*

- 🔵

Have you ever been placed on academic probation by any college or university? (Selecting "Yes" does not disqualify you from admission; we seek to understand the context of your individual circumstances.)*

- 🔵

### Minding the Gap(s)

Since you completed high school/secondary school, has there been a period exceeding three months when you were neither working nor in school?*

- 🔵

### One Last Thing

While we believe that we get to know you well through your application, we recognize that no application can fully capture all elements of your life.

You may use the space below to share essential information not conveyed elsewhere in your application (e.g., a factor affecting your academic performance).

Do not include essays, additional recommendation letters, portfolios, etc.

**Additional Information**

750 characters remaining

### Just for Our Records

How did you learn about Knight-Hennessy Scholars? Please select all that apply. To select multiple options, hold the CTRL key (CMD key on Mac) as you click each option.

- Other social media channel
- Broadcast media (e.g., radio or television)
- Online or print media (e.g., magazine or newspaper article)
- Other

Since you selected “Other,” please tell us how you learned of Knight-Hennessy Scholars.
Agreement to Application Terms

Please read this text carefully. You are consenting to the terms below when you apply to Knight-Hennessy Scholars.

By submitting this application, you consent to Stanford University’s collection and processing of any sensitive personal data contained in your application to evaluate your application and for the other purposes described in Stanford University’s Online Privacy Policy and Offline Privacy Policy. All Stanford Privacy Policies can be found at privacy.stanford.edu.

Your application materials and supporting information become the property of Stanford University once you submit them. We take appropriate steps to comply with university policy to ensure your data is secure.

Your application is for the Knight-Hennessy Scholars cohort matriculating in 2025. Knight-Hennessy Scholars does not offer deferrals of enrollment.

Please note that your application materials, in addition to being used in the Knight-Hennessy Scholars selection process, may be used as part of the selection process for any Stanford graduate program or for any source of financial support available to Stanford. We may share application materials including recommendation letters with Stanford graduate programs if it will aid their admission or financial aid efforts. We may request application materials including recommendation letters from Stanford graduate programs if it will aid our admission efforts. Refer to The Evaluation Processes page of our website for more information about application review.

Your recommenders must be the sole authors of your letters of recommendation. Drafting, writing, translating, or submitting your own reference, even if asked to do so by a recommender, is a violation of our application terms. You are responsible for informing your recommenders of this policy.

If you are offered admission, we want you to make an informed decision. For this reason, we may share limited information with Stanford alumni, students, and/or programs who may contact you to welcome you to the Stanford community and answer your questions.

If you are offered admission to Knight-Hennessy Scholars, Stanford reserves the right to withdraw that offer if 1) you show a significant drop in academic performance or fail to graduate; 2) there has been a misrepresentation or material omission in, or a violation of, any of the terms of the application process; or 3) we learn that you have engaged in behavior prior to the first day of program attendance that indicates a serious lack of integrity or judgment. Stanford further reserves the right to require you to provide additional information and/or authorization for the release of information about any such matter.

Your electronic signature below represents your agreement to the terms of this application and its instructions, and your confirmation/ declaration that all of the information that you have provided in this application is your own work and, to the best of your knowledge, complete and accurate, and that no Artificial Intelligence (AI) language tools including, but not limited to, ChatGPT were used to produce the content of your application. You further agree that you will promptly inform Knight-Hennessy Scholars of any change in any of the facts presented or answers given in your application. Your signature also constitutes your consent to Stanford (or its agent) having the right to verify any information presented in or relating to your application.

In place of your signature, please type your full legal name:
Review Your Application Before Submission

IMPORTANT: Click the “Preview Application PDF” button below to generate a PDF version of your application. Review your entire application — each entry — carefully.

What you see in this PDF is what our review committee will see.

- Check that any paragraph text responses are displayed in full for the following sections:
  - Work Experience
  - Activities and Interests
  - Awards and Honors
  - Short Answers & Essay
  - Additional Background

If any responses meet the character limits but are cut off, please edit them to fit within the allotted space — removing line breaks often resolves the issue.

- Ensure that the transcript(s) and resume you uploaded are displayed correctly.

You may not edit your application after it is submitted, with the following exceptions, which you may update on your application status page after submission:

- Test scores
- Recommenders
- Resume
- Degree Programs

Please note that you may not edit your application after submission (see exceptions above).

Do you want to submit your application now? Click the "Submit Application" button below.