

2023 Knight-Hennessy Scholars Program Applicants: Letters of Reference and Advising/Essay Draft Review Timeline

For those of you who are applying to Stanford University to pursue PhD, JD, MBA, MFA, and other postgraduate degrees and the Knight-Hennessy Scholars Program (KHSP), the KHSP selection committee members will review your graduate/professional application package, including your letters of reference, as part of its selection process. Unlike for Rhodes, and other awards, there is no Princeton campus endorsement process.

This year's Knight-Hennessy Scholars Program application deadline is: **October 11, 2023**. Each Stanford degree program has a separate admissions deadline, so please check with the relevant program, department, or School to make sure of that date. **Please note:** If you are applying to a Ph.D. program, Stanford should be your top-choice program because competitive applicants are also likely to receive generous Ph.D. funding at other universities. This year, for the first time, students in their first year of a Ph.D. program at Stanford are now eligible to apply for the KHSP. Please sign up for a webinar on the KHSP website if you have not yet attended an information session.

For the Knight-Hennessy application, you will request *two* additional letters in addition to the number that you need to submit for graduate/professional program admissions. We strongly suggest that you obtain those letters from writers who are ***not*** also submitting admissions letters to Stanford University on your behalf. These two Knight-Hennessy letters should emphasize your leadership record, skills, and potential for making a positive long-term impact on your future field and on society, as well as your potential contributions to the Knight-Hennessy Scholars community. You should forward drafts of your Knight-Hennessy application essays and your résumé to your two Knight-Hennessy letter writers.

For MD applicants who are applying for admissions to the Stanford University School of Medicine:

- Request *one* additional letter from a person who has not submitted a medical school letter of reference to Stanford. That writer should emphasize your leadership record, skills, and potential for making a positive long-term impact on your future field and on society, as well as your potential contributions to the Knight Hennessy Scholars community.
- Princeton's Health Professions Advising program will adapt your committee letter of recommendation to serve as a second letter, with emphasis on the points above. Kate Fukawa-Connelly katef@princeton.edu will work with you to submit a letter on your behalf. By September 29, 2023, please forward Kate your KHSP application essay drafts and any additional points that you would like emphasized in the letter. HPA will upload that letter to your application by **October 11th 2023**.

Those applying for the J.D. degree must consult with Brandon Treviño bt4202@princeton.edu, Associate Director of Princeton's pre-law advising program, to discuss your interest in Stanford Law School before beginning a KHSP application.

We will again offer you the opportunity to submit your full Knight-Hennessy essay drafts for review if you contact Michelle McLean mm5126@princeton.edu by **August 10th** to let us know that you will avail of that opportunity and are on track to have your essay drafts ready for review by the essay drafts review period of **August 14-18 2023**. We will then contact you with specific instructions about sharing your essays during the review process. If you have drafts ready earlier, please let her know.

If you are invited to a Knight-Hennessy interview, please let Dr. Moloney know that day so she can schedule practice interviews and interview preparation.

Please contact fellow@princeton.edu for a link and password to recent KHSP essays.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Dr. Deirdre Moloney moloney@princeton.edu after thoroughly reviewing the Knight-Hennessy website and the FAQs.