

Personal Background

The information we ask for here captures basic biographical and demographic information. We also need to know how to contact you if an aspect of your application requires clarification.

Required fields are indicated with *

Name	
First (Given) Name*	<input type="text"/>
Middle Name	<input type="text"/>
Last (Family) Name*	<input type="text"/>
Suffix	<input type="text" value="v"/>
Preferred Name (what you prefer we call you)	<input type="text"/>
Other Last Names Used	<input type="text"/>

Address* (provide at least one)	
Permanent Address Delete	
Country	<input type="text" value="United States"/>
Street Address	<input type="text"/>
City	<input type="text"/>
State	<input type="text" value="Select State"/>
Postal Code	<input type="text"/>
Mailing Address Delete	
Same as permanent	
Country	<input type="text" value="United States"/>
Street Address	<input type="text"/>
City	<input type="text"/>
State	<input type="text" value="Select State"/>
Postal Code	<input type="text"/>
Valid From optional	<input type="text" value=""/> <input type="text" value=""/> <input type="text" value=""/>
Valid Until optional	<input type="text" value=""/> <input type="text" value=""/> <input type="text" value=""/>
Insert Address	
Email Address	
Current Email	Change
Telephone Numbers (include +country code)	
Primary Phone*	<input type="text"/>
Mobile Phone	<input type="text"/>

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Biographical Information

Sex*

U.S. federal law requires Stanford University to report the sex of each applicant as female or male. Typically, this is the sex indicated on your birth certificate.

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

200 characters remaining

Birthdate

Birth Country

Birth City

Birth State

Citizenship Information

Citizenship*

If you hold multiple citizenships, please list the other citizenship here.

United States Military or Veteran Status

Race/Ethnicity Optional Stanford University is required to report certain information about race and ethnicity. The following items are optional and match the options provided on Stanford's application for graduate admission. No information you provide will be used in a discriminatory manner. You may review Stanford's nondiscrimination policy here: <https://exploreddegrees.stanford.edu/nonacademicregulations/nondiscrimination>.

Decline to State

Are you Hispanic or Latino?

Yes

No

Regardless of your answer to the prior question, please check *one or more* of the following groups in which you consider yourself to be a member:

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- White

Continue

SAMPLE ONLY – DO NOT SUBMIT

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, 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.)

Relationship	Name
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[Add Parent/Guardian](#)

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 2022?

Parent/Guardian Details



*Fields indicated with * are required in order to record a parent/guardian entry.*

Relationship*	<input type="text"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> I have limited information about this parent/guardian
First Name*	<input type="text"/>
Last Name*	<input type="text"/>
Living?	<input type="text"/>
Occupation/Title	<input type="text"/>
Employer	<input type="text"/>
Highest Level of Education Completed	<input type="text"/>

Save

Cancel

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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:

Employment	10%
Family	20%
Loans	20%
Scholarships/Grants	50%
<hr/>	
Total	100%

Employment

Family

Loans

Scholarships/Grants

Total

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.

Language 1

Delete

Language

Language Proficiency

Add Language

Continue

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.

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:

[+] Berg Scholars Program / Medical Scientist Training Program applicants

[+] Joint MA in Education applicants

[+] Current Stanford graduate students

If none of the scenarios listed above apply, you should list only **one** degree program below.

Degree Program	Status	Entry Term
Add Degree Program		

Continue

Degree Program Details ×

Degree Program

Status

Entry Year

Entry Quarter

Save

Cancel

[For PhD applicants only:]

PhD Academic Interests

*Required fields are indicated with **

Briefly describe your PhD research interests.*

750 characters remaining

Provide the name of one Stanford faculty member, in any department, whose research interests best align with yours and who could serve as a potential research advisor. You do not need to contact or seek approval from this faculty member before listing them here.

Continue

Academic History

Undergraduate/Graduate Study

Below you will see the undergraduate institution you entered to start this application. Click "Edit" to complete your academic profile and upload your transcript for this institution.

If applicable, **list every additional institution where you have been enrolled full-time** in an undergraduate or graduate degree program.

- If you earned or expect to earn multiple degrees from the same institution, add a new institution entry for each additional degree.
- If you studied abroad or participated in an exchange program, you do not need to list that institution here.
- You may list up to five school entries on this page. If you attended more than five postsecondary institutions in degree-seeking programs, include the additional schools and dates of attendance under [Additional Information](#).

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 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](#).
- 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 **

Institution	Degree	Dates Attended
Add Institution		
		Edit

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	<input type="text"/>
Country	<input type="text" value="United States"/>
City	<input type="text"/>
State	<input type="text" value="Select State"/>
Start Date	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
End Date	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>

Continue

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Edit Institution



Start by selecting the location of your institution, then select your institution from the resulting list.

Can't find your school in the list? Our list of institutions is constantly growing, and we want to include yours if it isn't there already. Select "Other" and provide the full name of the institution and its location. This will allow us to add your school to our database to be available for future applicants.

Institution

Dates Attended

 to

Level of Study

Degree

Degree Awarded
Date

Major(s)

GPA

 on a scale of (e.g., 4.0, 4.3, 5.0, 15, 100)

Do not convert your GPA to a 4.0 scale if it's reported on a different scale. Only courses for credit toward the above degree count in your GPA.

Class Rank

 out of

Submit Transcript

We can't read your transcript if it is encrypted or has a "digital signature" or "digital certification." In that case, do it the low-tech way: print it, scan it to a PDF, and upload that PDF.

PDF or Scanned
Pages

 No file chosen

Save

Delete

Cancel

Work Experience

If applicable, please share information about your internships and work experience (full-time and part-time) in the space below. These experiences provide context about your professional path to date and your 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 here. If you would like to share more, you may include the additional employers and dates of employment under [Additional Information](#).

Organization Name	Dates of Employment
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[Add Employer](#)

Continue

Add Employer ×

Organization Name

Country

City

State

Dates of Employment to

Position/Title

Sector

Hours/Week

Job Type

Organization's Activities
150 characters remaining

Your Responsibilities
150 characters remaining

Your Accomplishments
150 characters remaining

Your Challenges
150 characters remaining

Reason for Leaving
100 characters remaining

Save **Cancel**

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., item #1 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.

Organization or Activity	Dates Participated
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[Add Activity](#)

Continue

Add Activity ×

Order of Importance

Organization or Activity

Role(s)

Country

City

State

Dates of Participation to

Frequency of Participation hours per week weeks per year

Did you participate during or after college?

Why did you get involved?

300 characters remaining

What did you achieve and/or learn?

300 characters remaining

Save **Cancel**

Awards and Honors

If applicable, please tell us about awards or honors here. Add up to **three** awards in order of significance to you, with the most meaningful listed first (i.e., item #1 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.

Award or Honor

Date Received

[Add Award](#)

Continue

Award Details ×

All fields are required in order to record an award entry.

Order of Importance

Award or Honor Received

Date Received

Basis of Selection
(e.g., criteria, number of recipients, frequency of award, and who determines the recipients, if available)

300 characters remaining

Why is this award or honor meaningful to you?

300 characters remaining

Save

Cancel

Standardized Test Scores

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, not by the Knight-Hennessy Scholars application deadline. 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 from your status page after application submission.
- You do not need to send official test scores to the Knight-Hennessy Scholars program. 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 review 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.

Date ▲ Type

[Add Test](#)

Continue

Add Test

Type

Test Date

Save

Cancel

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 the 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 the resume.

If you’ve worked more than a decade, then you may add a page to your resume for additional context and depth. Otherwise, please limit your resume to one page.

Upload your one-page resume (Word or PDF formats only)

No file chosen

Recommendation Letters

Your letters of recommendation provide an external perspective on your abilities and accomplishments. They help us to identify the very strongest candidates from a pool of many well-qualified applicants. The 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 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 6, 2021 at 1:00 pm (Pacific Time)**

- Register your two recommenders (at the bottom of this page) as early in the application process as possible.
- You may submit your application before your recommenders submit their letters. After application submission, you may continue to monitor the status of your recommendations on your status page.

When you add a recommender below, the application system will automatically send a personalized link to that individual to submit the recommendation online. After your recommender submits the 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). You then will see the option to add a new recommender.

Name	Status
Add Recommender	

Continue

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Add Recommender ×

Prefix	<input type="text"/>
First Name	<input type="text"/>
Last Name	<input type="text"/>
Organization	<input type="text"/>
Position/Title	<input type="text"/>
Relationship	<input type="text"/>
Telephone	<input type="text"/>
Email	<input type="text"/>
Personal Message to Recommender	<input type="text"/>

Your personal message will be included in the email notification to this recommender, and it will also be displayed on the recommendation form.

The information you provide in your application is — after you engage in enrolled attendance as a Stanford student and to the extent it is retained — covered by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA). FERPA also permits students to waive the right of access to letters of reference if you so choose. Waiving your right of access is optional; your decision to waive or decline to waive that right will have no bearing on the handling of your application. Your recommender will see your choice.

- I waive my right to access this report.
 I do not waive my right to access this report.

In place of your signature, please type your full legal name:

Upon sending this form to your recommender, you will no longer be able to change your decision about whether to waive your right.

Send To Recommender

Cancel

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.

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

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)

250 words remaining

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Short Answer 2

Please tell us when and how you:* (Limit: 150 words for all three responses combined)

Made someone particularly proud of you

Were most challenged

Did not meet expectations

Combined Word Count (out of 150 words maximum)

Short Answer 3

Please tell us eight improbable facts (things that are unlikely but true) about you.* (Limit: 150 words for all eight responses combined)

Improbable Fact #1

Improbable Fact #2

Improbable Fact #3

Improbable Fact #4

Improbable Fact #5

Improbable Fact #6

Improbable Fact #7

Improbable Fact #8

Combined Word Count (out of 150 words maximum)

Knight-Hennessy Scholars
Stanford University

Essay

Connect the dots. How have the influences in your life shaped you?* (Limit: 600 words)



600 words remaining

Continue

Additional Information

Required fields are indicated with *

Previous Application

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

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?*

Have you ever been placed on academic probation by any college or university?*

Minding the Gap(s)

Has there been a period exceeding three months when you were neither working nor in school since you completed high school/secondary 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 feel free to 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 of the Knight-Hennessy Scholars program? (Please select all that apply.)

- Knight-Hennessy Scholars email
- Stanford department email (e.g., MBA Program)
- Knight-Hennessy Scholars website
- Stanford department website (e.g., law.stanford.edu)

Continue

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Agreement to Application Terms

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

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, Offline Privacy Policy, and the Privacy Notice for Admissions and Financial Aid, which can be found at privacy.stanford.edu.

Your application materials and supporting information become the property of Stanford University once you submit them.

Your application is for the KHS class matriculating in 2022. The Knight-Hennessy Scholars program 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.

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 the Knight-Hennessy Scholars program, 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. You further agree that you will promptly inform the Knight-Hennessy Scholars program 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:

Confirm

Review Your Application Before Submission

We have detected the following errors with your application.
These errors must be corrected before submission.

Section	Required Field or Error
Personal Background	Missing birthdate
Personal Background	Missing first and/or last name
Personal Background	Please provide at least one permanent or mailing address.
Personal Background	Please provide your citizenship.
Personal Background	Please provide your primary phone number.
Personal Background	Please provide your sex.
PhD Academic Interests	Missing description of research interests
Academics	Missing response to first-generation college student question. If you do not wish to respond, please select "Decline to State."
Academics	Missing response to parent education level question. If you do not wish to respond, please select "Decline to State."
Academics	No undergraduate degree listed
Academics	No undergraduate institution listed
Resume	Missing resume
Recommendations	Two recommenders are required.
Short Answers & Essay	Missing essay
Short Answers & Essay	Missing response to Short Answer 1
Short Answers & Essay	Missing response to Short Answer 2
Short Answers & Essay	Missing response to Short Answer 3
Additional Information	Missing response to gap question
Additional Information	Missing response to previous application question
Additional Information	Missing response(s) to personal conduct questions
Agreement to Application Terms	Please complete prior to submission.

We have detected the following potential problems with your application:

Section	Warning
Personal Background	Missing birth location information
Academics	Missing secondary/high school information
Employment	No work experience listed
Activities	No activities or interests listed
Awards	No awards or honors listed
Test Scores	If your graduate degree program requires test scores, please provide them on this application -OR- you may provide scores via your status page after application submission. Disregard this message if your graduate degree program does not require scores.

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

PREVIEW APPLICATION PDF

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 Information

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:

- Test scores
- Recommenders

You may update the above information on your application status page after submission.

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.

Submit Application

Save for Later