**Knight-Hennessy Scholarship Pre-Application for USF Endorsement**

**Purpose:** To compete on-campus for 2025 round of selections, advisement, and USF endorsement for the Knight-Hennessy Scholarships to commence graduate studies at Stanford University beginning in fall of 2026.Information about the Knight-Hennessy Scholarship can be found at [Knight-Hennessy Scholars Program](https://knight-hennessy.stanford.edu/)

**Requirements:** An Unofficial Transcript, and an EXTENDED Resume detailing all academic, leadership, experiential, extracurricular, and personal activities. The resume should not be a 1-page boilerplate resume you would submit for a job application. We need to know how well-rounded you are. The more details you provide, the better it is. Admission to Stanford University is competitive. **We prefer GPA equal to, or above 3.85**

**Notification of Applicants for campus interviews:** April 15th, 2025

**Campus Interviews:** April 26th, 2025. Note: April 26th is a Saturday.

**Who should fill in this form?** Rising Seniors (graduating December 2025 or May 2026) who are seriously interested in graduate studies.

**Deadlines: The completed declaration form and CV/Resume should be emailed to** [**onsnominations@usf.edu**](mailto:onsnominations@usf.edu) **by 04.15.2025 by 11:59 PM.**

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| **Name:** | **Major and Minor:** | **Cumulative GPA:**  **Year in College (by Date of Graduation):** |
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| **Research Area:** | **Research Topic:** | **Research Adviser/Mentor:** |
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| **Stanford Department for graduate study** | **Intended Program(s) of Study** |
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**Please respond to each of these questions: Except for #1 and #2, limit your responses to 250 words.**

1. Write a six-word novel about yourself.
2. **We want to know about you**. In 500 words or less tell us your story. We want to know of your leadership activities, academic work, and community engagement within that narrative. Please avoid being too technical, and make it personal.
3. What is your highest ambition? How will your career impact the world around us?
4. How do you fit the purpose of the Knight-Hennessy Scholars Program as detailed at [Knight-Hennessy Scholars Program](https://knight-hennessy.stanford.edu/)
5. Why does studying at Stanford University matter to your ambition?
6. Describe an activity or experience that has been important in helping shape or reinforce your goals and ambitions?
7. Briefly describe the Stanford department and program you are choosing, giving reasons for your choice.
8. Summarize all previous, or ongoing research experience(s), writing for the layperson. Do not use this essay to list your publications and presentations. Use your CV/Resume to detail them.
9. Describe one specific example of your leadership – what issue did you address, how did you get others to follow you, what changed because of your involvement? Please include details on your role with the activity, the impact of your involvement and outcomes of said activities.
10. We want to know how you “Think Big. Work Hard and Achieve”. Please give an example/response for each. Limit each response to 150 words.
    1. Tell us about a time or times when you demonstrated independent thinking.
    2. Tell us about a time when you took the initiative and went above and beyond.
    3. Tell us about a time when you needed to be courageous. What was the outcome?
    4. Tell us about a time where your concern for humanity inspired your leadership or community engaged activity.
11. Please list *at least* 3 potential recommenders. Include their professional title(s) and the organizations they are affiliated with. Indicate how they know you and over what length of time. They must know you well and be able to either write about your leadership/academic activities or speak to your leadership/changemaking potential with specific examples.

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| **Name and Title:** | **Affiliated Organization:** | **How I know him/her & Length of time:** |
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