Knight-Hennessy Scholars

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Website: Knight Hennessy Scholars

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Campus Application Deadline: May 15 annually (If you miss the deadline, please contact Barbara Gorka as soon possible to discuss your individual case)

Campus Nomination Interviews: Late May

Completed Scholarship Application: August 15

National Deadline: Typically early October

Graduate Program Deadline: Varies, from late September to mid-November. Check K-H website to confirm.

Award Description:

The Knight-Hennessy Scholars Program identifies a group of up to 100 high-achieving students from around the world with demonstrated leadership and civic commitment to receive full funding to pursue a graduate education at Stanford University. The program is designed to build a multidisciplinary community of Stanford graduate students dedicated to finding creative solutions to the world’s greatest challenges. The program funds up to three years of graduate education, along with a stipend. If your degree program exceeds three years, then your home department will fund the remainder of your education (to the extent consistent with its standard funding commitment for that program).

Eligibility and Selection Criteria:

Students interested in applying to be among Temple University’s institutional nominees are encouraged to meet with Barbara Gorka (barbara.gorka@temple.edu) and complete the Campus Application by May 15. If you are selected as a nominee, you will be given instructions on how to apply for the national scholarship.

Open to students of any nationality who apply within six years after you earn your first bachelor’s degree. You must have completed your first bachelor’s degree before you enroll. Even if you have earned a graduate degree already, you remain eligible as long as you earned your bachelor’s degree within six years or applying. You must also meet the requirements of the Stanford graduate program(s)
that you wish to pursue. You must complete the entire application process for your department—including any standardized test that your discipline requires (GMAT, GRE, LSAT, MCAT, etc.) and, if needed, an English proficiency test.

Besides the basic eligibility requirements, the Knight-Hennessy program is looking for scholars who exhibit independence of thought, purposeful leadership, and a civic mindset. They are seeking candidates, “who can out-think, out-work, and out-care others.” Read more on their criteria page.

Preference will be given to students who will be at Stanford two years or more.