Knight-Hennessy Scholars Program Applicants (for those applying as seniors)

Instructions on Letters of Reference

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

For the Knight-Hennessy application, you will request two additional letters. We suggest that you obtain at least one of those letters from a writer who is not 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 prior to your graduation from Princeton, you should 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.

MD applicants who have not yet graduated from Princeton should also request a second letter from Princeton’s Health Professions Advising program. Kate Fukawa-Connelly (katef@princeton.edu) or Jessica Matzko (jmatzko@princeton.edu) will submit a letter on your behalf. Please ask them for that letter as soon as you decide to apply. You must then forward to Kate or Jessica your Knight-Hennessy application essay drafts by August 15, 2017, and they will upload that letter to your application by September 15, 2017.

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