

Returning Member Application for Texas A&M Mock Trial

Questions Page

Biographical Information

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Major: _____ Email Address: _____

When will you graduate: _____ How did you hear about us: _____

T-Shirt size: XS S M L XL XXL

Experience

Have you ever participated in Speech or Debate? Yes No

Have you ever participated in Theater? Yes No

Have you ever participated in Mock Trial? Yes No

Calendar

Please indicate whether you can attend the following dates listed below; exclude travel costs in your assessment

General Meetings (Every Tues/Thur, 8:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.)

Fall Retreat (Oct. 10, Afternoon/Evening)

Mocksgiving (Nov. 21, Afternoon/Evening)

Mocksmas (Dec. 9, Afternoon/Evening)

ATTENTION: We will also have fundraising events throughout the semester and in the spring. These events serve as your one mandatory fundraising requirement, so please keep in mind that you WILL have to attend one of these functions during the spring semester!

Team Scrimmage (Sept. 30-Oct. 1, 2023)

Rice Tournament in Houston (Oct. 14-15)

Tennessee Tournament (Oct. 27-30)

UH Tournament in Houston (Nov. 4-5)

AC Tournament in Sherman (Nov. 10-12)

Baylor Tournament in Waco (Dec. 1-3)

A&M Tournament in Fort Worth (Jan. 12-14, 2024)

Acknowledgments

I understand that being on the Texas A&M Mock Trial Team is a year-long commitment. If selected, I will stay on the team for the entire competitive season (with the exception of any extenuating circumstances).

Yes No

I understand that I must be a full-time undergraduate/graduate student at Texas A&M University for both the fall and spring semesters in order to compete.

Yes No

I understand that being on the Texas A&M Mock Trial Team is a minimum 4-6 hour weekly time commitment. I will attend scheduled meetings, scrimmages, and tournaments (unless of an excused absence), and I will practice outside of meetings on my own time.

Yes No

Short Answer Prompts

*Answer all of the following prompts. You are allowed a **maximum of 3 pages** for your responses. You decide how much space to allocate to each response.*

1. What did you gain from being on the team, and what do you hope to gain this year?
2. What was a challenge or weakness you faced on the team? Were you able to overcome that challenge or weakness? If so, how? If not, how do you plan to overcome that challenge?
3. Please provide a candid description/rating of how you believe you did in the following areas:
 - a. Performance at tournaments
 - b. Overall Professionalism
 - c. Attendance/Tardiness (this includes all required events, i.e. general meetings, extra team meetings/practices, scrimmages, and tournaments)
 - d. Teamwork
 - e. Mentorship
4. What is your favorite Texas A&M Mock Trial memory?
5. Please answer the following scenarios to the best of your knowledge. This does not require any ROE citation, although it is an added bonus:
 - a. Your party (the defense) claims “Damn, I’d totally murder Joe. He just sometimes gets on my nerves so badly that I want to take a knife and stab him”. Joe was murdered 3 days later by stabbing. How would you inoculate this and/or keep it out? Please approach this question both based on performance aspects as well as factual aspects. Think creatively! You may add additional information to your answer as long as it does not directly conflict with the information we have provided.
 - b. A witness (not party opponent) has many quotes where they lie to their boss regarding their deadlines. The plaintiff is using this to attempt to prove that your witness has a habit of lying and therefore may have lied about their alibi. How would you best combat this from a performance as well as ROE approach?
 - c. The opposing attorney uses a demonstrative that displays certain quotes that were said during the trial, which paints your witness as a possible suspect. How would you either keep this demonstrative from being shown or downplay the effect of the quotes as a witness?

Please submit your completed application to:

tamumocktrial@gmail.com

A complete application must include the following:

Completed questions page, short answer responses, and a headshot of yourself.