

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Has your VSO received funding from the ASSU Undergraduate Senate Appropriations Committee in prior years? If so, how much and when?

No.

Have you registered your events/organizations with events.stanford.edu? (note: registration is mandatory) (yes/no)

No. We will register next year with Events at Stanford for our annual high school symposium.

How large is your officer core?

There are seven officers in Stanford Mock Trial: one president, one vice-president, one financial officer, one director of external relations, one social chair, one website coordinator, and one high school symposium director.

If you applied for Special Fees last year, is there an increase in the amount you're seeking this year? If so, why?

Yes; next year, we plan on sending teams to additional invitational tournaments at ASU and the University of Arizona. These tournaments give students valuable experience in college-level Mock Trial competitions and allow us to hone our case in preparation for regional and national tournaments.

Please define the services provided by your group with the Special Fee, as per the ASSU Constitution:

Article V, Section 2.A.5: "Student organizations that receive a Special Fee may not deprive any member of the Association of any or all of its services unless that member has obtained a refund of that organization's fees. However, during a given year, a student organization may not charge a total amount greater than its per capita Special Fee for services provided to members of the Association outside of that organization's funding population." The Special Fee will allow us to continue holding our annual mock trial symposium, which educates high school students and the greater Stanford community about the activity and general public speaking skills. We will also be able to represent Stanford at intercollegiate competitions around the country.

Please list all: 1) assets, 2) reserves, 3) authorized and unauthorized non-ASSU bank accounts, 4) sources of funding other than Special

See our account statements. We have no non-ASSU bank accounts and we receive additional funding from member dues and The Stanford Fund.

What events/programs does your group hold throughout the year for the Stanford Community?

Our entire program is held for the Stanford community. Stanford Mock Trial is open to every Stanford student, regardless of experience.

Have you applied for Special Fees in the past 3 years? If so, please detail the outcome of each attempt.

Yes; we have applied in each of the last three years. We did not receive Special Fees during the 2004-2005 fiscal year, but we received Special Fees by petitioning in each of the two subsequent years.

How do you plan to publicize your events/programs to the greater Stanford community? Have you registered with Events at Stanford?

We always set up a table at Stanford Activities Fairs. We also rely on our members to distribute flyers and emails. At the beginning of the year, we hold recruitment meetings to inform the Stanford community about our group. To publicize next year's mock trial symposium, we will register with Events at Stanford and post fliers around campus.

How many members are on your email list?

We have approximately 20 or 30 current Stanford students on our email list.

If you are an umbrella group, please list the groups for which you are applying for Special Fees, their ASSU account numbers, and contact information for their financial officers.

We are not an umbrella group.

Please describe a few past events organized by our VSO (please limit your response to 50-100 words).

An annual day-long symposium of seminars and workshops to educate high school students and the general public about Mock Trial. In previous years, between 15-20 schools have sent 150-200 student participants. The event also serves to recruit new talent for the Stanford team, which is open to all Stanford students.

What are the three largest line item requests in your budget and why?

Most of our budget goes to travel expenses. Airfare to Portland, Florida, and Iowa for all of our qualified teams is the most significant line item. Next, there are hotel costs and rental cars for transportation to our rounds. Travel and accommodations are generally the most significant expenses involved in attending a tournament.

What is the average attendance at your events?

150-200 (symposium).

What is the fundamental goal/purpose of your VSO (please limit your response to 50-100 words)?

Stanford Mock Trial provides its members an opportunity to engage with the legal system and refine their public speaking skills. We present a fictional legal case, with members assuming the roles of witnesses and attorneys. Stanford Mock Trial is composed of three competitive teams that travel to invitational and regional competitions, as well as subsequent national championships. Last year, we placed first at the Pacific Northwest regional competition and had two teams advance to the national tournaments. At the College Mock Trial National Championships, Stanford students collected a total of three individual "All-American" awards.

What percentage of your total membership is undergraduate? Graduate?

All of our members are undergraduate.

Why are you requesting Special Fees?

Through Special Fees, our group can continue representing Stanford at tournaments around the country. Stanford Mock Trial has consistently performed well at our regional competition, but it takes more than talent and hard work to get to Nationals. There are substantial travel costs involved with attending tournaments, such as airfare and accommodations.

What is your total membership?

Stanford Mock Trial currently has three teams of six people each. Teams are open to everyone who tries out, regardless of experience.

When and why was your VSO established (please limit your response to 50-100 words)?

Stanford Mock Trial was founded nine years ago with the goal of providing Stanford undergraduates with an opportunity to learn about the legal system and develop their public speaking skills. Since then, it has attracted members with interests including law, drama, public speaking, and debate, as well as a variety of other fields.

BUDGET DETAIL

	Budgeted	Requested	Recommend	Approved	Petitioned	Elected
Arizona State University Invitational	\$(2,736.00)	\$2,736.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,736.00	
An invitational tournament at ASU held annually in November, attended by Stanford Mock Trial's "A" team only. Generally, between 15 and 20 teams from across the country participate.						
7110 Travel Fares (Undergraduate Special Fees/Annual)	Airfare for one team (8 people) to Arizona State University invitational.	\$(2,160.00)	\$2,160.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,160.00
Our policy recommends that student travel fares are not an efficient use of student funds.						
7740 Accommodations (Undergraduate Special Fees/Annual)	Hotel rooms (2 x 3 nights) for ASU invitational.	\$(576.00)	\$576.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$576.00
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Pacific Northwest Regional Qualifying Tournament	\$(6,570.00)	\$3,640.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$3,640.00	
The Pacific Northwest Regional Qualifying tournament is the competition that determines which teams advance to silver- and gold-level national tournaments, one of which is the "A" tournament.						
7140 Copies (Not Marketing) (Undergraduate Special Fees/Annual)	Case copies and exhibits.	\$(300.00)	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
7110 Travel Fares (Undergraduate Special Fees/Annual)	Airfare to regional tournament for 22 participants.	\$(3,960.00)	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Our policy recommends that student travel fares are not an efficient use of student funds.						
7740 Accommodations (Undergraduate Special Fees/Annual)	7 hotel rooms for 3 nights.	\$(2,310.00)	\$1,340.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,340.00
Our policy recommends that student travel fares are not an efficient use of student funds.						
Stanford Mock Trial Symposium	\$(200.00)	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	
The Symposium!						
7140 Copies (Not Marketing) (Undergraduate Special Fees/Annual)	Copies for handouts to give to participating students.	\$(200.00)	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
UCLA Invitational Tournament	\$(3,050.00)	\$3,050.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$3,050.00	
This invitational is held during the beginning of winter quarter at UCLA. Every year, 2-3 Stanford teams compete with approximately 40 other teams from colleges around the country.						
7140 Copies (Not Marketing) (Undergraduate Special Fees/Annual)	Copies of case materials (3000 at \$0.05 each).	\$(150.00)	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
7720 Gas (Undergraduate Special Fees/Annual)	Gas to drive three cars to UCLA.	\$(400.00)	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
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7730 Car / Van Rental (Undergraduate Special Fees/Annual)	Three rental cars to drive to UCLA.	\$(800.00)	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Our policy recommends that student travel fares are not an efficient use of student funds.						
7740 Accommodations (Undergraduate Special Fees/Annual)	5 hotel rooms for 3 nights for UCLA invitational tournament.	\$(1,700.00)	\$1,700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,700.00
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University of Arizona Invitational Tournament	\$(3,840.00)	\$3,840.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,840.00	
This invitational tournament is held during winter quarter at the University of Arizona. Because UCLA often only allows us to send two teams to its winter invitational, we usually send one team to the University of Arizona.						
7110 Travel Fares (Undergraduate Special Fees/Annual)	Airfare for 8 team members.	\$(2,640.00)	\$2,640.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,640.00
Our policy recommends that student travel fares are not an efficient use of student funds.						
7740 Accommodations (Undergraduate Special Fees/Annual)	3 hotel rooms for 3 nights.	\$(1,200.00)	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
Our policy recommends that student travel fares are not an efficient use of student funds.						
APPLICATION TOTALS	\$(16,396.00)	\$13,466.00	\$650.00	\$650.00	\$13,466.00	