In the ten years since the start of the Mock Trial program, St. Ambrose has risen to the ranks of a highly respected regional program. This is not surprising considering Ambrose is located in one of the hotbeds of mock trial which has its roots right here in Iowa. Today, the Midwest states remain home to some of the strongest teams in the country. SAU’s team is a member of the American Mock Trial Association (AMTA).

SAU’s Mock Trial team gained regional recognition in the 2012–13 season with wins over several Big Ten schools. The 2013–14 team set school records for wins and took home two invitational trophies. At the AMTA Regional the team rallied from a 1–3 start to finish 5–3 earning the tournament’s honorable mention award but more importantly qualifying for a bid to AMTA’s championship tournament. It also tied with the University of Notre Dame for the Spirit of AMTA, which is given for professionalism.

St. Ambrose Mock Trial typically participates in five or six invitational tournaments in addition to the AMTA regional tournament. We regularly face some of the strongest teams in the country from large state universities (like University of Iowa) or large private schools (such as Loyola or Notre Dame).

Thanks in part to its alumni, many of whom have gone on to law school and careers as attorneys, the coaching staff is able to offer small group instruction. Team members are taught to think on their feet. They also learn the correct ways to make an argument or a presentation. Mock trial is an excellent speech and debate program in the form of a courtroom setting. In the last four years every team member wishing to go to law school has been admitted to their first choice.

But mock trial is not just for future lawyers. Former members of the St. Ambrose Mock Trial team include a broad range of professions including teachers, business and sales professionals and government officials. The team is active in helping high school programs and holds an annual summer camp for high school mock trial students.

If you are new to mock trial, check out the St. Ambrose Mock Trial team, and see what it’s all about. If you have experience with mock trial and want to continue on at a college level, the

Mock Trial Scholarship Opportunities

To be considered for a Mock Trial Scholarship at St. Ambrose University, applicants must have been accepted to the University before being considered for the award. Mock Trial Scholarships will be awarded on a competitive basis to incoming freshmen and transfer students who indicate a commitment to the St. Ambrose University Mock Trial Team.

Award: Incoming freshmen and transfer students are eligible for scholarships in the amount of $1,000 per year.
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Renewal: Mock Trial scholarships are renewable for up to a total of 8 semesters (not including summer), provided that the student continues to be actively involved in the Mock Trial Program.

Provide the following to apply:

> Identify your prior experience with mock trial, speech and debate, public speaking or drama.
> Identify other college activities in which you expect to participate, such as athletics, performing arts, Model UN, etc.
> Provide an essay (300–500 words) explaining why you wish to participate in mock trial at St. Ambrose University.
> Submit a letter of recommendation from your high school mock trial, speech, debate or drama coach. Supply the name and email address of the recommender.

If you are a college transfer student, provide information relative to both high school and other college experience.

Scholarship application deadline: February 2, 2015
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