

YALE MOCK TRIAL TRYOUTS

Welcome to our tryout process--we are so happy that you are interested in Mock!

There will be two rounds: general auditions, which will be held September 8-10, and callbacks, which will be held September 11-12.

General auditions will have **two pieces**:

1) Please prepare a **dramatic monologue**. Great mock trial depends just as much on acting abilities and witness/character demeanor as it does on logical reasoning and persuasiveness. This should *not* be an argument or a persuasive speech. It can be any monologue you choose: from a TV show, a play, a movie or even an original piece. Remember to highlight your strengths with whatever you choose, and don't be afraid to take some risks! We like funny, we like sad, we like angry, we like confused, we like Midwestern, we like ... anything goes.

2) Please prepare a **3-minute argumentative/persuasive speech *defending a person***. This could be anyone from Donald Trump to your mother. Imagine that he or she has been accused of some wrongdoing and that it is up to you to defend their actions. Make it clear what the person is accused of and show why they are not guilty of that crime. This is your chance to show off your potential as a persuasive public speaker.

You will be notified if you have made it to callbacks on the night of September 10th via email. We will send you all the necessary information for callback preparation then.

We can't wait to meet you! Good luck!

Sincerely,
Eleanor Runde
Co-President of YMTA