

# IPS



## WHAT IS THE IPS HONOR SOCIETY?

The Institute For Principle Studies Honor Society is a program for high school students and young adults.

It is composed of a series of modules that we call, Principle Oriented Discussions (or POD's for short). Each POD focuses on a particular area of the Christian worldview.

POD groups generally meet once each week and start with a video presentation or lecture followed by discussion. POD modules vary in length from 5 weeks to 13 weeks. There will also be one-time seminars and conferences as part of the program.

Although students can participate in any number of modules, successful attainment of honor society status will require successful completion of at least 6 PODs.

## ENROLLMENT

### Costs:

Program enrollment fee  
(one-time): \$50.00  
(No enrollment fee for students  
enrolled in Modesto Debate Club)

### POD Cost:

Each module (or POD) may have  
an additional fee depending  
on the program.  
We expect these fees to range from  
\$10 to \$50 per POD.

## TO ENROLL:

To receive the  
**IPS Honor Society**  
application & enrollment form,  
please email  
**ModestoDebate@gmail.com**  
and we will send the appropriate  
documents via email.

## SOME OF THE MODULES (PODs) INCLUDE:

- ❑ **THE TRUTH PROJECT**  
Focus on the Family (13 weeks)
- ❑ **BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES OF  
GOVERNMENT**  
Institute For Principle Studies (10 weeks)
- ❑ **POVERTY CURE**  
The Acton Institute (6 weeks)
- ❑ **FOUNDATIONS OF  
THE U.S. CONSTITUTION**  
Institute For Principle Studies (5 weeks)
- ❑ **MULTIPLE SUBJECT PACKAGE**  
(5 documentaries on different subjects)  
(5 weeks)  
*Topics include: evolution, education,  
gun control, and monetary policy.*
- ❑ **SENIOR SEMINAR  
WITH MIKE WINTHER** (8 weeks)  
*Selected readings and round-table discussion  
led by IPS President, Mike Winther.*

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Participation in the "Senior Seminar"  
will require successful completion  
of at least 5 PODs.

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*Other PODs to be announced soon.*

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## HONOR SOCIETY



*The world will challenge  
our students...  
... and many will not  
withstand the challenge.*

## THE POWER OF GOOD FOUNDATIONS

In the rush to accomplish "things", our generation frequently "gets it wrong" because we skipped over the basics. The college professor who wants to change the philosophy of the student knows this weakness and exploits it.

The IPS Honor Society attempts to lay sound foundations and to reinforce them with logic, evidence, and debate.

## THE POWER OF DIALOGUE

### (IRON SHARPENS IRON)

In the classical education model, dialogue, discussion and debate are identified as the best tools for advancing students through the logic and rhetoric stages of learning. Each module (POD) starts with either lecture or reading and adds high-level discussion designed to challenge and stretch the student.

## THE POWER OF THE WRITTEN WORD

After instruction and dialogue, the student will produce a brief paper in which the student will synthesize their instruction, their discussion, and their conclusions.