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Young American Indians will be given an opportunity to develop their creative talents in arts and crafts through a new two-year course starting this coming fall under Department of the Interior auspices at the Federal Indian school in Santa Fe, New Mexico, Commissioner of Indian Affairs Glenn L. Emmons announced today.

“The opening of this course, “commissioner Emmons said, “represents the fulfillment of plans which I have had in mind for some time. It will give Indians “the younger generation who have creative aptitudes in arts and crafts a chance to make the kind of contribution which so many Indians of earlier generations have already made toward the enrichment of American culture.”

To be eligible for the course, candidates must be of one-fourth or more Indian blood and recognized members of tribes under trust supervision of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Students will be selected on the basis of recommendations made either by their teachers or other persons qualified to evaluate their artistic interests and potentialities. First preference will be given to otherwise qualify high school graduates from 16 through 21 years of age, Applications will also be considered from candidates between the ages of 16 and 19 who dropped out of high school prior to graduation if they are otherwise qualified and their sale career interest is in creative art.

The maximum enrollment that can be accepted for the course during the 1960-61 term is 75 students.