

Via Title I Funds—

I.A.I.A. Trains American Natives

I.A.I.A. or The Institute of American Indian Arts is a national institution for training in the arts directed to the special needs of today's youthful Native Americans—the Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts of the United States.

The Institute, located in historic Santa Fe, New Mexico, offers an accelerated arts program to students in grades 11 through 14.

Title I, of the Elementary Secondary Education Act, provides funding for high school programs for students with special academic needs. The Reading/Language and Math Labs are operated on the individualized instruction format to allow each student to work on his own needs and at his own pace within his own time schedule.

Language and arithmetic skills have always received a high priority rating in Indian Education, but so have cultural studies. The high school arts program offers traditional

painting, silversmithing, ceramic sculpture, pottery, traditional techniques, Indian literature, creative writing and Indian Arts Survey.

The high school academic department has a full curriculum which meets the standards for accreditation with the New Mexico State Department of Education. Besides the courses required for graduation and college entrance, it also has Spanish, Driver's Education, Business Education, Linguistics, Office Practice and Library Science.

The Title I classes must keep a flexible schedule to permit the student to work on his special problems and still have time to work in his chosen field.

One of the most exciting aspects of the Institute is the merging of many young Indians from many tribes who bring with them their crafts, their dances and songs, and their stories of faces and places so far away in time and space.

It is exciting, but it inconveniences the Title I programs. The Title I programs are required to have parental input, involvement and participation. It is difficult to

have a truly representative Parent Advisory Council because the students' parents are scattered all over the country.

There is a Parent Advisory Council and the Title I students and staff produce a monthly Newsletter to help parents and tribal representatives informed of the programs and progress of Title I.

Applications are being accepted for the 1975-76 school year. For more information on the Title I programs or the many other exciting programs at I.A.I.A., please write to:

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