

UNM Law School Offers Indians Scholarships

Special scholarships in law are being offered to American Indians again this year by the University of New Mexico.

The UNM Law School is presenting, for the second year, the Special Scholarship Program in Law for American Indians. The program will consist of an eight-week "pre-law" program, beginning June 17.

Students selected to continue in the program after the summer session will enroll in law school as regular students in the fall.

The purpose of the program is to encourage Indians to enter law school and to help them obtain this

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objective.

Students selected for participation will receive substantial scholarship grants. Each student selected will be awarded a tuition scholarship, travel and book allowances and a grant for living expenses.

The amount of the grants will depend upon the student's need, but it is anticipated they will range from \$1,000 to \$1,500 for the eight-week summer session, and from \$2,500 to \$6,000 for the academic year.

The great need for Indian lawyers is evidenced by the fact that there are no Indians practicing law in either Arizona or New Mexico even though the Indian population of the two states is probably close to 200,000.

It is hoped that the New Mexico program will attract Indians who are presently

in their third or fourth year of college, those who will graduate this June, and individuals who have graduated during the past five years.

Since the program has no prescribed college pre-law program, students majoring in any subject are eligible.

Last year, in the first year of the program, 18 applicants representing 13 tribes were accepted for the summer portion. Seven of these were undergraduate students who had not completed undergraduate work.

Of the 18, nine were eligible for law school last September, and seven were accepted and are now regular law students.

Those interested in making application should contact Professor F. M. Hart, University of New Mexico Law School, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87106.