“Where after all, do universal human rights begin? In small places, close to home – so close and so small that they cannot be seen on any maps of the world...Progress in the larger world, must start with human rights education in just those small places, close to home.”

-Eleanor Roosevelt

In order to support your exploration of human rights issues, Thirteen/WNET New York is offering your school the opportunity to apply for a grant up to $1,000. Human Rights 101 will allow you the opportunity to incorporate human rights issues – such as equality, respect, and freedom – into the classroom, drawing students into the project on an emotional as well as intellectual level. The study of human rights provides a natural vehicle for critical thinking and debate, allowing it to be examined through a variety of subjects and disciplines.

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

• One faculty representative and two student representatives must attend the project Kick-Off Event to be held at Thirteen/WNET New York on Saturday, December 11, 2004.

• Schools must host at least one screening of a Thirteen- or other PBS/PTV-produced program. The screening, which must be held in the school, may be open to your entire school or to one class. You may want to use the screening as a Kick-Off Event for your project.

• Projects must stem from and utilize Thirteen’s and/or other PBS/PTV programs and resources.

• Students involved must demonstrate an improved understanding of basic human rights as well as an increased awareness surrounding a specific human rights issue.

Originality and inventiveness of the project design, the scope and reach of the project, incorporation of outside partners in the plan (i.e. other grades, schools, or outside organizations) will be given additional consideration.

IMPORTANT DATES

• Friday, September 24, 2004 – Deadline for Application

• Friday, October 1, 2004 – Award Notification

• Saturday, December 11, 2004 – Kick-Off Event for Awardees

• February, 2005 – Deadline for Mid-Project Update

• June, 2005 – Deadline for Final Project Report

We look forward to receiving your proposals. If you would like help brainstorming projects or if you have any questions, please contact Suzanne Guthrie at 212.560.8123 or guthrie@thirteen.org.