

Rural Voices Radio Receives Award



The National Federation of Community Broadcasters (NFCB) recognized the National Writing Project's *Rural*

Voices Radio as part of its Golden Reel Award Ceremony on March 24, 2001. *Rural Voices Radio* was among 16 special-merit winners at this annual celebration of outstanding and creative uses of the medium for community radio broadcasters and station-based and independent producers. The award ceremony was part of the Annual Community Radio Conference, held March 21–24 in San Francisco.

The Golden Reel Awards have a long tradition in NFCB's 26-year history. The awards are given by community radio's sole national organization, the NFCB, to community radio producers. These

are the only general programming awards given to public and community radio. According to Carol Pierson, NFCB president, "The winning programs are sometimes challenging, sometimes entertaining, frequently moving, and always engaging. Community radio stations and independents are producing and airing work that is on the cutting edge of culture, political thought, and technology. These programs are a reminder of the importance of community radio."

The six-part *Rural Voices Radio* series is NWP's first spoken-word production. It was distributed to more than 150 public radio stations nationwide and aired across the country, from remote rural stations in Alaska to large metropolitan stations in Boston and New York City. Listen to *Rural Voices Radio* at www.writingproject.org.