



March 30, 2023

We are excited that student(s) from your community/district have been nominated for a Spirit of Youth Award! Spirit of Youth recognition is unique in showing appreciation for acts that typically are not formally recognized, such as community service, media, science and environmental efforts, cultural activities, and overcoming challenges.

Enclosed, you will find Spirit of Youth Award recognition certificate(s), for a youth or a group of youths in your community/district who have been nominated to receive Spirit of Youth awards. Teens who are nominated receive public recognition in their community to celebrate their contributions, thanks to you and other school boards around the state. Out of all the teens recognized, several will be selected for statewide recognition. These annual award winners are notified in April.

Please have the school superintendent, school board president, mayor, or other adult "Community Member" sign the enclosed certificate(s).

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions at 907-272-2875 or [kzeman@spiritofyouth.org](mailto:kzeman@spiritofyouth.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Karen Zeman".

Karen Zeman  
Executive Director  
Spirit of Youth



## SPIRIT OF YOUTH RECOGNIZES

**Catriona McCord**

**Catriona's selfless commitment to local and global humanitarian needs is a stellar example of youth leadership. Catriona's efforts have reached as far away as Tanzania, and as close as the Pioneer Home.**

Lieutenant Governor, State of Alaska

Community Member

Spirit of Youth



A Campaign to Recognize Alaska's Teens