Colorado Blue Spruce Young Adult Book Award
Frequently Asked Questions

1) **What is the Colorado Blue Spruce Young Adult Book Award?**
   The Colorado Blue Spruce Young Adult Book Award recognizes the most popular books among middle and high school students (grades 6-12) in the State of Colorado. Teens nominate their favorite titles and select the winner - adults do not vote.

2) **Who sponsors the Blue Spruce Award?**
   - Colorado Council International Reading Association (CCIRA)
   - Colorado State Library
   - Colorado Association of Libraries (CAL)

3) **How do students get involved?**
   Students are usually introduced to the Blue Spruce Award by their school or public librarian. Although adults do not vote, librarians at each location can handle the voting process. There is also an option on the website for students to vote themselves.

4) **What is the voting process?**
   Voting will begin on July 1 of each year.
   Go to the Blue Spruce website at [http://www.coloradobluespruceaward.org/](http://www.coloradobluespruceaward.org/)
   Click the VOTE button in the top right corner of the home page.
   Students can record their own votes or teachers & librarians can tabulate & enter their students’ votes.
   The voting deadline for each award is December 31st at 11:59 PM.

5) **How many Blue Spruce nominated books do students need to read before they are eligible to vote?**
   Students must have read at least 3 books.

6) **Who nominates the books?**
   Any student who votes may nominate books for the following year's award.

7) **What are the guidelines for books that may be nominated?**
   Must have been published within the last three years.
   May be fiction or nonfiction.
   Need not have been written exclusively for a young adult audience.
   May not appear on the list in consecutive years.
   Must not have appeared first as a movie or television program.
   May not be written by the previous year's award winner.
   Must meet accepted standards of quality.

8) **What if I am not familiar with the nominated books?**
   There are book summaries available on the website.

9) **Does the Blue Spruce Award have a social media presence?**
   - Twitter - @bluespruceaward
   - Instagram - @ColoradoBluespruceaward
   - Contact us at coloradobluespruceaward@gmail.com

10) **Who won this year’s Blue Spruce Award?**
    Visit our webpage for the current winner and nominee.