



## 2020 CHS Miss Texas Czech-Slovak Queen Pageant RULES and PROCEDURES

The CHS Miss Texas Czech-Slovak Pageant is a non-profit pageant established to preserve the pride, culture and heritage traditions of Texas Czechs. The purpose of the queen is to encourage youth involvement, represent the Czech Heritage Society of Texas (CHS) at various events as approved and represent CHS at the National Miss Czech-Slovak US Pageant in August held in Wilber, Nebraska. Failure to comply with any of the below rules will result in disqualification of the contestant from the CHS Miss Texas Czech-Slovak Pageant.

1. Contestants must be between the ages of 16 and 26 prior to August 1 of the current year.
2. She must be attending high school or a high school graduate.
3. Contestant must be a citizen or eligible to work in the USA and an adult/youth CHS chapter member with queen title.
4. Must be of partial Czech, Moravian, Slovak, Rusyn, Silesian descent or legally adopted by parents of these decent.
5. Contestants must appear in Czech, Moravian, Slovak, Rusyn or Silesian Kroj (costume).(National rule 3 kroj limit).
6. Contestants must be single, never married and have no offensive behavior to cause a negative impact to the pageant.
7. There shall be no more than one contestant from each chapter of the CHS. She may represent a chapter where she is not a legal resident but, attending an accredited high school, college, university, tech school, trade school or business school. She will carry the CHS Chapter Queen title to compete in the CHS Miss Texas Czech-Slovak Queen Pageant. The queen selected by the CHS chapter shall not represent any other title to avoid conflict and scheduling of appearances. The winner of the CHS Miss Texas Czech-Slovak Queen Pageant will represent the CHS and is obligated to compete in the National Miss Czech-Slovak US Pageant in August in Wilber, Nebraska. She is obligated to attend various functions throughout the state to promote the Czech heritage, under direction/assistance of her local chapter and the CHS Miss Texas Czech-Slovak Pageant Director/Committee. Chapters may provide financial assistance approved in reason or by CHS; although, the queen may incur personal expenses in carrying the title. The CHS and/or chapter(s) will make every effort to provide assistance in travel arrangements with possible carpooling or other means as necessary and approved. In the event the selected Texas Queen is unable to fulfill her commitments, she forfeits the title and awards go to the next runner-up.
8. Contestant must be personally present and participate in all four pageant categories and all pageant scheduled events per pageant rules. The four categories in order are: Private Interview by Judges, On-stage Interview, Kroj, and Talent Presentation. Failure to complete any category or attend an event will result in disqualification from the pageant. If a contestant is not ready for any competition category resulting in pageant deviation will impose a deduction of 5 points. Category Rules and information will be provided upon contestant entry.
9. Contestants can compete consecutively for the Texas title if title is not received; two non-consecutive years at the national pageant. Pageant contestant order will be by number draw prior to event and will be unrelated to the program layout.
10. Contestant will wear chapter/state sash, crown and kroj at events, and in only portions of the events of the Texas Pageant. (Queen will not wear state crown at national pageant.)

“Little Czech Sister”: Queens may select a “Little Czech Sister” to accompany her for chapter, CHS Miss Texas Czech-Slovak Queen Pageant and appearances. She may be a relative/non-relative of ethnic decent, suggested 3-8 years of age and is to wear a kroj. The “Little Czech Sister” will be announced on stage and accompany the queen at designated times during the pageant. She may also be present at various public events as available through their reign that may require personal travel expense. CHS application form requests her information. If the queen she represents wins the CHS Miss Texas Czech-Slovak title, she will not be required to travel to the national pageant (Nebraska) as one will be assigned locally by their Pageant Committee. Please be informed of this rule, although, she is welcome to attend for support with limited participation in parade and introductions, following protocol of the National Pageant.

The 2020 CHS MISS TEXAS CZECH-SLOVAK QUEEN will receive a \$250 scholarship, crown, sash, flowers, and other prizes. CHS will provide the \$50 national entry fee and \$250 travel funds to attend the Miss Czech-Slovak US Pageant in Nebraska upon her participation in August. The first runner-up will receive a \$50 scholarship and other prizes. The second runner-up will receive a \$25 scholarship and other prizes. If multiple Texas contestants compete for the title, recognition will be given to Kroj, Talent, Interviews, and “Miss Congeniality” determined among the queen contestants by secret ballot.

CHS Miss Texas Czech-Slovak Pageant is a one-day event, with possible practice the night prior. Lodging and early arrival is the responsibility of the contestant/chapter. Contestants and “Little Czech Sisters” will be required to be available upon conclusion of the pageant for additional pictures, interviews or personal visits with various chapters of the Czech Heritage Society of Texas and guests. Upon receipt of the application form, additional information will be forthcoming regarding the category rules, judging criteria, schedule, expectations, image/likeness expectations, and other information for the contestant and “Little Czech Sister.