



2023 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 heritage traditions of Texas Czechs and Slovaks. The queen is to encourage youth involvement, represent the Czech Heritage Society of Texas (CHS) at various events, and to represent CHS at the National Miss Czech-Slovak US Pageant in August of the next year in Wilber, Nebraska. (The Miss Czech-Slovak US Pageant strives to create an ethnic competition that promotes our vibrant heritage. In this spirit the following rules and procedures have been created as a standard and expectations.) 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 a natural born female as reflected on a government issued birth certificate between the ages of 16 and 26 prior to August 1 of the current year. *Documentation may be requested to verify this criterion.*
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. Contestant must be of partial Czech, Moravian, Slovak, Rusyn, Silesian descent or legally adopted by parents of this descent.
6. Contestants must be single and never married. She will abstain from behavior that could cause a negative impact or reflection of the pageant.
7. There shall be no more than one queen 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 CHS Miss Texas Czech-Slovak Queen is obligated to compete in the National Miss Czech-Slovak US Pageant in August of the following year in Wilber, Nebraska. She is obligated to attend various functions throughout the state to promote the CHS heritage, under the direction/ assistance of her local chapter and the CHS Miss Texas Czech-Slovak Pageant Director/Committee, as required to sign in the attached agreement. Chapters may provide financial assistance approved within 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 help with travel arrangements by possible carpooling or other means as necessary and approved. In the event the selected CHS Texas Queen is unable to fulfill her commitments, she forfeits the title and awards go to the next runner-up. **She MUST wear full Authentic/Americanized Czech-Slovak kroj for crowning or public appearances in crown and sash, with appropriate behavior.*
8. Contestant must be personally present and participate in all four (4) pageant categories and all pageant scheduled events as scheduled per pageant committee. The four (4) categories in order are: Private Interview by Judges, On Stage Interview, Kroj Modeling, and Talent Presentation. Failure to compete in any category or attend a weekend event will result in disqualification from the pageant. If contestant is not properly prepared for any category resulting in pageant order deviation will result in a deduction of 5 points.
9. Contestants can compete consecutively for the Texas Queen if title is not received; two non-consecutive years at the national pageant. Pageant contestant order will be alphabetical order by last name to prepare program and pageant script in advance.
10. Contestant will wear chapter/state sash, crown and kroj at events, and only in event portions of the Texas Pageant. (Texas Queen competing will not wear state crown at any point while at the national pageant.)

*2023 Change from Little Czech Sister to Little Princess, Little Prince and Junior Queen to compete for CHS Texas Royalty titles:

Queens may recommend/crown a Chapter Princess, Prince, and Junior Queen to accompany her for chapter and other appearances. They may be a relative/non-relative of ethnic decent, 6-10 years of age for Little Princess and Little Prince, ages 11-16 for Junior Queen, and to wear a kroj. The CHS Chapter Little Princess, Little Prince, and Junior Queen will compete in the 2023 Youth Pageant along with Texas Queen Pageant. They may also be present at various public events as available during their reign that may require personal travel expense. CHS application form will request contestant information, bio and picture. If their chapter queen they represent wins the CHS Miss Texas Czech-Slovak title, the Little Princess, Little Prince, and Junior Queen WILL NOT be required to travel to the national pageant as a Little Sister will be assigned by the Miss Czech-Slovak US Pageant Committee. The crowned CHS Texas Royalty are welcome to attend for support with limited participation in parade and introductions, following protocol of the national pageant. If the Texas queen wins the national title, national rules must be followed.

The CHS MISS TEXAS CZECH-SLOVAK QUEEN will receive: \$800 scholarship, crown, sash, flowers, and other prizes; \$700 upon crowning with additional \$100 travel funds upon completion of the national pageant competition. CHS TX provides the \$50 national entry fee. The First Runner-up will receive a \$100 scholarship and the Second Runner-up a \$50 scholarship, along with other prizes. If multiple contestants compete for the title, recognitions will be given for Kroj, Talent, Interviews, and Miss Congeniality (determined among the queen contestants by secret ballot). CHS Little Princess, Little Prince and Junior Queen prizes will be announced at a later date. *If the CHS Texas Queen scheduled to compete the year following her crowning cannot attend the Miss Czech-Slovak US Pageant by just cause, the opportunity moves to a runner-up in royalty line(s); thus, if depleted, the opportunity moves to a currently crowned chapter queen to compete nationally to not lose our pageant position.

**CHS Miss Texas Czech-Slovak Pageant and Youth Pageant are a one-day event, with scheduled practice the night prior. Lodging and early arrival are the responsibility of the contestant/chapter. Upon conclusion of the pageant, all contestants are required to for additional pictures, interviews, or personal visits. 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 contestants. This includes providing a display board and exchange of friendship gifts among the contestants*