



# 2024 CHS Texas Czech-Slovak Youth Pageant



First/Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Full Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Name(s) and Email(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Representing CHS Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer the following questions on two (2), one-sided, letter size sheets of paper, in 12-point Times New Roman font. *Please have your Name on the top left line and CHS Chapter in the second line of the header on each page.* If applicable, answers should be heritage focused.

1. Describe your Czech/Slovak heritage (including lineage).
2. Where do you attend school and what grade? Please include the name, city, and state of your institution.
3. Describe up to three honors/awards you have earned.
4. Why do you want to be a CHS Texas Czech-Slovak Little Princess/Prince, Junior Queen/King, or King.
5. How do you feel about your Czech-Slovak ancestry?
6. Describe your participation (e.g., activities, organizations) in your Czech or Slovak community.

On one(1) letter size paper in 12-point Times New Roman font provide the following kroj information with Name/Chapter header.

7. Describe your kroj and the story behind it by answering the points below.

- How did you obtain your kroj and how does it tell your family story?
- What is your favorite element of your kroj?
- If applicable, does your kroj (please note which components) represent a specific region, town, or aspect of your family?
- Provide front and back (preferably in color) 4x6 photos of the kroj or kroj element(s) that you are replicating and cite the source of the photos. *This is outside of the one-page requirement stated above.*

Contestants must be personally present and participate in all pageant categories: Private Interview by Judges (based on your application), On Stage Interview (sample questions will be provided in advance), and Kroj Modeling; may include Talent Presentation (for Jr. Queen). Failure to compete in any category will result in disqualification from the pageant.

## **RULES and PROCEDURES**

The CHS Texas Czech-Slovak Youth Pageant is a non-profit pageant established to preserve the heritage traditions of Texas Czechs and Slovaks. Royalty is to encourage youth involvement and represent the Czech Heritage Society of Texas (CHS) at various events. Failure to comply with any of the below rules will result in disqualification of the contestant from the CHS Texas Czech-Slovak Youth Pageant.

1. Contestant must be a natural born female (as relates to Little Princess/Junior Queen titles) or male (as relates to Prince/Jr./King titles), reflected on a government issued birth certificate. *Documentation may be requested to verify this criterion.*
2. Contestants must be the following ages prior to August 1 of the current year to be eligible: Little Princess/Prince ages 6-10; Junior Queen/King ages 11-16; King ages 16-26.
3. Contestants must be a US citizen, youth/adult CHS of Texas State and Chapter affiliation member with royalty title, attending school/working in Texas.
4. Contestant must be partial Czech, Moravian, Slovak, Rusyn, Silesian or legally adopted by parents of this descent.
5. Contestant will wear chapter/state sash, crown and kroj at events, and only in event portions of the Texas Youth Pageant.
6. Winners will be obligated to attend at least five functions throughout the state to promote the CHS heritage, under the direction/assistance of his or her local chapter and the CHS Texas Czech-Slovak Pageant Directors/Committee. Chapters may provide financial assistance approved within reason or by CHS; although, personal expenses may be incurred. 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. (This application prepares you for pageant entry and is subject to change.) **Enclosures:**

**Contestant Headshot in Kroj (5x7, head and shoulders, no crown and sash), Signed Application with Answered Questions, Kroj Description, Kroj Pictures (4x6, front and back), Queen and Youth Expectations, Image and Likeness Release (In order listed.)**

\_\_\_ I hereby acknowledge that I have read the above rules and procedures as outlined by the CHS Texas Czech-Slovak Youth Pageant and will comply with them. I also authorize any photographs and information for publication.

Youth Contestant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Deadline May 1, 2024.** Pageant: June 29, 2024; Wharton County CHS; Taiton Community Center; 14221 FM Rd 961, El Campo, TX 77437. Lauren Gerik, Director CHS Texas Czech-Slovak Youth Pageant, 708 FM 1242, Abbott, TX 76621, 254-495-0642, [laurengerik@gmail.com](mailto:laurengerik@gmail.com); Kathy Podsednik, Director CHS Miss Texas Czech-Slovak, 345 Bob White Way, West, TX 76691, 254-744-0770, [kathyPods@gmail.com](mailto:kathyPods@gmail.com); Molly Gerik, 708 FM 1242, Abbott, TX 76621, 254-495-0311, [mollygerik@hotmail.com](mailto:mollygerik@hotmail.com); Danny Hughes, [hughesdanny200@gmail.com](mailto:hughesdanny200@gmail.com); Jana Riley [janamriley@gmail.com](mailto:janamriley@gmail.com); Cindy Gentry, [cindylou422000@yahoo.com](mailto:cindylou422000@yahoo.com)