



2024 CHS Miss Texas Czech-Slovak Queen and Youth Pageant RULES and PROCEDURES



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

1. Queens 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. Queens must be attending high school or be a high school graduate.
3. Contestant must be a US citizen or eligible to work, youth/adult CHS of TX State member with chapter affiliation and royalty title.
4. Contestant must be of partial Czech, Moravian, Slovak, Rusyn, Silesian descent or legally adopted by parents of this descent.
5. Contestants must appear in Czech, Moravian, Slovak, Rusyn or Silesian Kroj (costume). (National rule 3 kroj limit.)
6. Contestants must be single and never married. She will abstain from behavior that could cause a negative impact or reflection on 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, has family lineage/representation or attending an accredited high school, college, university, tech school, trade school, business school, or working. She carries 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 Czech-Slovak heritage, under the direction/ assistance of her local chapter and the CHS Miss Texas Czech-Slovak Pageant Director/Committee, as required to sign 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 her title, and all 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, it will result in a deduction of five (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.)

CHS Texas Czech-Slovak Youth Pageant *Little Princess/Prince (ages 6-10), Junior Queen/King (ages 11-16); or King (ages 16-26) compete for CHS Texas Royalty titles (ages prior to August 1 of the current year to be eligible) and must be a youth/adult CHS of Texas State member with Chapter affiliation and royalty title. Royalty must wear full kroj during the pageant and appearances. The CHS Chapter Royalty will compete in the 2024 Youth Pageant along with the CHS Texas Queen Pageant, being present for all pageant categories. They may also be present at various public events as available during their reign that may require personal travel expenses. CHS application form will request contestant information, bio, and picture. If the chapter queen they represent wins the CHS Miss Texas Czech-Slovak title, Youth Royalty WILL NOT be required to travel to the national pageant. 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, recognition will be given for Kroj, Talent, Interviews, and Heritage Involvement. CHS Little Princess/Prince, Junior Queen/King, King prizes will be \$200 each for Texas title winner(s) and \$50 each for runner-up(s). *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.*