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 heritage spirit, the following rules and procedures have been created as a standard of expectations for national and state pageants.) Failure to comply with any

of the below rules/expectations will result in disqualification of the contestant/title from the CHS Texas Czech-Slovak Queen/Youth Royalty Pageant. Applications, Rules and Procedure, and Expectations are subject to change by CHS Pageant/Executive Committee. *(Rev 1-29-25)*

*Contestant Eligibility/Expectations:*

1. Queens/Youth Royalty contestants must be a natural born female (as relates to Queen/Jr. Queen/Little Princess titles) or male (as relates to

 King/Jr. King/Little Prince titles) as reflected on a government issued birth certificate: Queen/King (ages 16-26); Jr. Queen/King (ages 11-

 16); Little Princess/Prince (ages 6-10), prior to August 1 of the current year. *Documentation may be requested to verify this criterion.*

2. Queen/King/Jr. must be attending high school, be a graduate or working in TX; Jr./Little Princess/Prince must provide school information.

3. Contestant must be a US citizen or eligible to work in the US and a resident of the State of Texas, a youth/adult CHS of TX State and

 Chapter member with paid state and chapter dues to compete and receive a chapter or state royalty title. Must submit signed Expectations,

 Image/Likeness and Hold Harmless agreements.

4. Contestant must be of partial Czech, Moravian, Slovak, Rusyn, Silesian descent or legally adopted by parents of this descent.

 Contestants must appear in Americanized, Authentic or Replicated Czech, Moravian, Slovak, Rusyn or Silesian kroj (costume).

5. Contestant must be single/never married and will abstain from behavior that could cause a negative impact or reflection on the pageant.

 Prohibited entries or disqualification may include treated for drug or alcohol use; visible body piercings or tattoos; convicted of a crime or

 have criminal charges pending; engaged in any activity which is or could be characterized as dishonest, immoral, immodest, indecent, in

 bad taste or any act of moral turpitude; pregnant, has been pregnant or caused a female to get pregnant.

6. There shall be no more than one Queen, Jr. Queen/King, Little Princess/Prince contestant from each chapter of the CHS of Texas.

 Contestant may represent a chapter where they are not a legal resident, but have family lineage/representation or attending a school or

 working. If so, as stated in #3 above, State/Chapter membership must be paid for the chapter title received to compete in the CHS

 Texas Czech-Slovak Queen/Youth Royalty Pageant. The CHS Chapter title recipient agrees she/he shall not represent any other title

 to avoid conflict and scheduling 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. Queen/Youth Royalty are obligated to attend various

 events throughout the state to promote Czech-Slovak heritage, under the direction/assistance of their local chapter and the CHS Miss

 Texas Czech-Slovak Pageant Directors/Committee, as required by signed Expectations agreement. Chapters may provide financial

 assistance approved within reason or by CHS; although, royalty may incur personal expenses in carrying their titles. The CHS of Texas

 and/or chapter(s) will make every effort to help with travel arrangements, carpooling or by other means. In the event the selected CHS

 Texas Queen/Royalty are unable to fulfill their commitments, title is forfeited, and all awards are requested to go to next in line.

7. State title winners serve one full year to crown the next successor before competing again for a chapter title in a qualified pageant category.

 CHS eligible returning contestants must receive a title from a CHS chapter with renewed chapter/state membership to compete in the next

 annual CHS State Pageant. The Texas Queen competes the following year at the national pageant in Wilber, NE, completing her reign.

 *Royalty MUST wear full Americanized/Authentic/Replicated kroj at crowning and all public appearances with chapter/state crown/sash.*

8. Contestant must be personally present and participate in all pageant categories and all pageant 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 (only

 Queens). Failure to compete in any category as required will result in disqualification from the pageant. If contestant is not properly

 prepared for any category, resulting in pageant order deviation, it may result in a deduction of five (5) points.

 9. Contestants can compete consecutive years for the Texas/Chapter Queen/Youth Royalty if the *state title or 1st runner-up* title was not

 won/received. Texas State Royalty titled winners complete their full year of reign to the next pageant. After completion of CHS titled

 reign, they are open to compete again for Chapter titles (with renewed chapter/state membership) to qualify for the next state pageant.

 The only exclusion is the Texas crowned queen competing at the national pageant. Pageant contestant order will be in alphabetical order

 by the contestant’s last name in each queen/youth royalty pageant category to prepare the program and pageant script in advance.

10.CHS Chapter/State Queen and Youth Royalty are required to wear sash, crown, and kroj for attendance at events when representing their

 titles. The Texas Queen can wear state sash while in kroj at events designated during the national pageant weekend; no crown will be worn

 at any time. If the chapter queen wins the CHS Miss Texas Czech-Slovak title, Youth Royalty WILL NOT be required to travel for the

 national pageant. The crowned CHS Texas Royalty are welcome to attend for support, with limited participation in the parade and

 introductions, following national pageant protocol. It is recommended that the newly crowned state queen attend the upcoming national

 pageant to learn more and support the Texas queen competing.

Awards: The CHS Miss Texas Czech-Slovak Queen will receive an $800 scholarship ($700 at crowning with additional $100 travel funds upon completion of the national pageant competition), crown, sash, flowers, and other prizes. CHS covers the $50 national entry fee. The CHS TX First Runner-up will receive a $100 scholarship, crown, sash, and other prizes; additional Runners-up receive a $50 scholarship, along with other prizes. If multiple contestants compete, recognition will be given for Interviews, Kroj, Talent, and Heritage Involvement. CHS Little Princess/Prince, Jr. Queen/King, King prizes will be $200 each for Texas title winner, crown/hat, sash, flowers, and other prizes. CHS Youth Royalty Runners-up receive a $50 scholarship, flower(s), and other prizes.Certificate awards may be given for pageant competition categories, along with Heritage Involvement, based on their applications. *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 in our pageant position. (2-1-25)*