



VITAME VAS! WE WELCOME YOU!

WHY JOIN THE CHS?

You will be able to meet-up and visit with your local Czechs and Slovaks at chapter meetings. Your involvement is encouraged. Czech-out a chapter near you!

You will be able to take part in many Czech-Slovak cultural activities all over the state, as published in the *Český hlas* (Czech Voice), a newsletter which you will receive three times per year.

You will be able to do genealogical research using books published by the CHS. An extensive library and archives housed in the TCHCC Library of La Grange, Texas will aide you in researching your family history. Also, the CHS website has a list of books and publications available for sale.



You will be able to brush up on your Czech language skills as you prepare to visit the Czech lands, or just to remember, reflect and familiarize yourself with the language of your grandparents. CHS is dedicated to the preservation of the Czech language. Czech language classes are offered by local chapters such as Brazos Valley and Lavaca County. You may find updated class schedules in the *Český hlas* as they occur.

You will be able to participate in three annual state meetings and ongoing local meetings across the state. State meetings include an annual CHS Pageant, an annual CHS Genealogy Conference, and an annual CHS Day of Remembrance honoring Veterans and members of the CHS. State and local meetings are always filled with Czech-Slovak culture, music, food, and fun! As far as activities go, you will discover a Soup Tasting in one chapter and a Kolace Baking Class in another! You might find Czech Bingo at one event and a parade of Czech-Slovak kroje (costumes) at another!

**WE INVITE YOU
TO JOIN
THE CZECH HERITAGE
SOCIETY OF TEXAS TODAY!
HELP US PRESERVE OUR RICH
CZECH-SLOVAK
CULTURAL HERITAGE!**



**For more information,
Czech-out our website at:**

www.czechheritage-texas.org



Date: _____ THE CZECH HERITAGE SOCIETY OF TEXAS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (member cycle: Jan 1st-Dec 31st)

Application for membership for _____

Chapter or _____ At Large

_____ New _____ Returning _____ Multi-Chapter (list home chapter _____)

Name _____

First

Middle

(Maiden Name)

Last

Address _____

Number and Street

Phone Numbers: Home (_____) _____

City

State

ZIP+4

E-Mail _____

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Check box to receive Český hlas by print only ☐

Birth Date _____

Birth Place _____

What is your occupation and what skills or expertise would you be willing to volunteer to our organization? _____

Spouse Name (including wife maiden name): _____

Applicant Parent Names (Include Mother Maiden Name): _____

AREAS OF INTEREST: (circle) Genealogy Music Customs History Costumes Language Other
Family Names, Ancestral Villages, USA Locations that you are researching or would like to research? Please list. _____

*Youth Member Application: If so, Name _____ Age _____ Contact Info. _____		
Sponsor Name _____ CHS Chapter _____		
Interests _____		
MEMBERSHIP DUES	ADULTS (Regular Member, Chapter Affiliation)	YOUTH MEMBER (less than 18yrs old)
Bexar Co. Chapter	\$30.00	\$8.00
Brazos Valley Chapter	\$20.00	\$6.00
Burleson Co. Chapter	\$30.00	\$5.00
Concho Valley Chapter	\$25.00	\$5.00
Ellis Co. Chapter	\$20.00	\$10.00
Fayette Co. Chapter	\$25.00	\$5.00
Fort Bend Co. Chapter	\$20.00	\$6.00
Gonzales Co. Chapter	\$20.00	\$5.50
Harris Co. Chapter	\$25.00	\$5.00
Lavaca Co. Chapter	\$25.00	\$5.00
McLennan-Hill Co. Chapter	\$20.00	\$8.00
Travis-Williamson Co. Chapter	\$25.00	\$7.00
Victoria Co. Chapter	\$20.00	\$5.50
Wharton Co. Chapter	\$20.00	\$7.00

NOTE: * Youth are persons less than 18 years of age at the time of joining CHS. Youth cannot join CHS without a "Sponsor," meaning that they must be related to a parent or grandparent who is a Regular Member of CHS with Chapter Affiliation. Queen and Youth Membership is required to take part in any CHS sponsored youth social activities such as the Queen and Youth Royalty Pageant, greeting attendees at meetings, participating in Opening Ceremonies, planning and voting on future youth social activities, and any other opportunities in which they can provide valued assistance.

Annual dues for Regular Adult Members with Chapter Affiliation and Youth Members are Payable to the Chapter Being Joined. (FYI: Mandatory State Dues, included in the listings above, for Every Adult Member are \$15.00 and Youth Members \$5.00 as set forth in CHS Bylaws.) For Chapter Contact Information, please click on the "Chapters" tab on the CHS State website [http://www.czechheritage-texas.org]

Annual dues for Members at Large without Chapter Affiliation are \$15.00 and payable to "CHS of Texas" and mailed to: Ed Nevliud, CHS Treasurer, 212 Ridgeway View, Victoria, TX 77904-3390. Dues for a Member at Large Lifetime Membership is a one time payment of \$500 and payable to "CHS of Texas" and mailed to Ed Nevliud, Victoria, TX 77904-3390.

Send Application to Victor Mozisek, CHS Membership Coordinator, 3473 CR 299, Hochheim, TX 77967-6715 or email to vmozzi.chs@gmail.com

Activities and Events Promoting Czech-Slovak Culture in Our Youth

Victor Peter Memorial Scholarship

A \$500 scholarship is awarded annually to a student entering college. (Presented annually to a one-time winner.)

Albert J. Blaha Memorial Scholarship

A \$5,000 scholarship is awarded to a high school graduate or first-year college student. Awarded scholarship will be presented to the institute of higher learning accepting them.

Note: Both of the above scholarship monetary award amounts are subject to change each year based on available funding.

CHS of Texas Czech-Slovak Queen

Each chapter queen competes in the annual state pageant and the winning queen represents Texas at the national pageant the following year in Wilber, Nebraska.

CHS of Texas Czech-Slovak Youth Royalty

King, Junior Queen & King, Princess & Prince from each chapter compete in the annual state pageant.

Contacts

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2025-26 CHS Queen and Youth Royalty

TCHCC - La Grange

Slavnost (Spring)/Heritage Fest (Fall)

CHS will have a visible presence at both events with an information booth showcasing Czech Cultural activities, CHS royalty and much more!

***See website for any changes/updates**

Connect with Your Heritage

www.czechheritage-texas.org



<https://www.facebook.com/CzechHeritageSocietyofTexas>
<https://www.facebook.com/MissTexasCzech-SlovakQueen>

Instagram & X

The Czech Heritage Society of Texas



Společnost Českého dědictví státu Texas is dedicated to preserving and promoting the cultural heritage of those who came to Texas from the Czech lands.

Bohemia
Čechy



Moravia
Morava



Silesia
Slezsko



Slovakia
Slovensko



Rusyn
Rusín

The Czech Heritage Society of Texas (CHS) was founded in 1982 in Taylor, Texas at the SPJST Lodge #29. Thirty-two charter members were present at the meeting called by founder, the late Albert J. Blaha. Today fourteen Chapters operate in various counties all over our great state of Texas.