

\*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	\$25.00	\$17.00
Brazos Valley Chapter	\$15.00	\$3.00
Burleson Co. Chapter	\$20.00	\$5.00
Concho Valley Chapter	\$15.00	\$2.00
Ellis Co. Chapter	\$15.00	\$7.00
Fayette Co. Chapter	\$15.00	\$2.00
Fort Bend Co. Chapter	\$15.00	\$4.00
Galveston Co. Chapter	\$15.00	\$2.00
Gonzales Co. Chapter	\$15.00	\$2.50
Harris Co. Chapter	\$20.00	\$2.00
Lavaca Co. Chapter	\$15.00	\$3.00
McLennan-Hill Co. Chapter	\$15.00	\$5.00
Travis-Williamson Co. Chapter	\$16.00	\$2.00
Victoria Co. Chapter	\$15.00	\$2.50
Wharton Co. Chapter	\$15.00	\$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. Youth Membership is required to take part in any CHS sponsored youth 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 State dues for Regular Members with Chapter Affiliation and Youth Members are Payable to the Chapter Being Joined. Chapter Treasurers must send Mandatory State Dues for Every Member [\$10.00] and Youth Members [\$2.00] as set forth in CHS Bylaws. Checks for payment of State Dues must be made payable to "CHS of Texas" and mailed to: Rita Vanek, CHS Treasurer, 1320 Wilsire Ct., College Station, TX 77845-9322.

Annual dues for Members at Large without Chapter Affiliation are \$10.00 and also payable to "CHS of Texas" and mailed to Rita Vanek. For Chapter Contact Information, please click on the "Chapters" tab on the CHS State website [http://www.czechheritage-texas.org]

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## 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. (This is presented annually to a one-time winner.)

### Albert J. Blaha Memorial Scholarship

A \$1,000 scholarship is awarded to a high school graduate or first-year college student. The awarded scholarship will be presented to the institute of higher learning accepting them.

### 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

**CHS Texas Director of Pageant Affairs**  
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**CHS Texas Youth Pageant Director**  
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**CHS Texas Youth Activities Coordinator**  
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2024-25 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](http://www.czechheritage-texas.org)



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

# 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 fifteen Chapters operate in various counties all over our great state of Texas.*

Revised August 1st, 2024



# 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. Inside *Český hlas*, a list of books and publications are also 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 Harris 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 by 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](http://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 \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP+4 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers: Home (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ e-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Place \_\_\_\_\_ Receive *Český hlas* by e-mail only? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
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. \_\_\_\_\_