

Lavaca County Czech Slovak Queen/Princess Pageant Rules & Guidelines

Only for the year of 2012, there will be one queen and one princess selected for Lavaca County Czech Heritage Society. The chosen queen will be the contestant with the top vote from the judges. The chosen princess will be the contestant with the second top vote. The chosen queen will participate in the State Pageant in April 2012. The chosen princess will become queen for 2013, and compete in the State Pageant in April 2013.

Beginning in 2013, a princess will be chosen from a field of contestants. The princess will become the 2014 queen and participate in the State Pageant in April 2014. Every January, the Lavaca County Czech Heritage Society will select a princess who will then become the queen the following year.

Failure to comply with any of the below rules will result in disqualification of contestant from the Miss Lavaca County Czech Slovak pageant.

1. Contestants must be between the ages of 16 and 25 prior to August 1 of the current year. She must be attending high school, a Junior college, university, or be a high school graduate.
2. Contestant must be a citizen of the United States of America.
3. Contestant must be of partial Czech, Moravian, Slovak or Silesian descent.
4. **If contestant wins either the title of Princess or Queen they must be willing to have a Czech, Moravian, Slovak or Silesian kroj (Costume) made or borrowed to wear for various events. See Kroj modeling for complete details of state pageant requirements.**
5. Contestants must wear nice Sunday attire.
6. Contestant must perform a talent. This talent must be described in detail on the pageant entry form. *See Talent rules for complete detail.*
7. Contestant must be personally present during all four pageant categories and all pageant scheduled events as scheduled per pageant program. The three categories are: Private Interview by Judges, Introduction & Interview by the Pageant Master of Ceremonies, & Talent presentation.
8. Contestant must attend a mandatory meeting at the December annual Christmas Party.
9. Contestant must agree upon winning a title to participate in the State Pageant on the corresponding year.
10. Contestant must agree upon winning a title to participate in stated events during reign.
11. Contestant may compete multiple times for the title of Princess, but upon winning, may not compete again.

Please remember:

Entries must be received no later than December 1st of the current year. Mail or email entries and phot (head shot) to Ashley Hermes 11643 CR 1 Hallettsville, TX 77964, ashnick27@yahoo.com.

On-stage Interview Rules:

- Contestant will draw for two questions. Topics will be given to the contestants during the December mandatory meeting.
- **Oratory Award:** An oratory award will be present to the contestant who has the best overall oratory skills. These skills include presentation, poise, clarity, expression, and public image. Judges will watch for these skills throughout the pageant weekend.

Talent Rules

- Talent act is limited to not more than **four minutes**. It begins with a formal introduction and concludes with work, note or motion.
- Talent can be singing, dancing, playing a musical instrument, dramatic reading, art display, dress designing, poetry, drawings, gymnastics, or a talk on a subject or topic.
- We encourage contestants to perform their talent in Czech or Slovak language or works by Czech or Slovak composers. However performing a Czech or Slovak talent is not mandatory.
- There will be an official talent timer located next to the judges table. If the contestant goes over the 4 minutes, 5 points will be deducted from her overall talent score.
- **Talent Award:** A talent award will be presented to the contestant with the top overall talent score.

Kroj (costume) Rules (State & National Contest Only):

- A **250 word** description of your kroj must be sent with the Entry Form. This description will be read aloud as you model your kroj on the stage during the kroj competition. Example: Suzy is wearing an Americanized kroj. *If the description is more than 300 words the pageant committee will edit the contestant's description.* There are two divisions in the Kroj category: *Americanized and Authentic divisions.*
- Kroj description should include (but not limited to):
 - If the kroj should be judged in the Authentic or Americanized category.
 - The origin, how it represents you, if any part is authentic, the meaning of the kroj and physical description
- Authentic kroj are traditional Czech, Moravian, Silesian or Slovak costumes that are from the native country or are very similar representatives of the original. For example if you took a picture and recreated the authentic picture.
- Americanized kroj are costumes that represent Czech, Moravian, Silesian or Slovak ancestry with American or modern accents.
- Awards are presented to winners in this section on the contest.

2012 Queen/Princess Prizes

Miss Lavaca County Czech Slovak Queen 2012

- Monetary Donations for help with creating a kroj or to be put towards travel expenses
- Queen Gifts
- Jeweled crown, sash, and flowers

Miss Lavaca County Czech Slovak Princess 2012, Queen 2013

- Monetary Donations for help with creating a kroj or to be put towards travel expenses
- Princess Gifts
- Jeweled crown, sash, and flowers

Runners Up

- Flowers
- Gifts