

## Lavaca County Little Czech Sister Pageant Rules & Guidelines

Only for the year of 2012, there will be two little Czech sisters chosen for the Lavaca County Czech Heritage Society. The little sister for 2012 will be the contestant with the top vote from the judges. The little sister for 2013 will be the contestant with the second top vote. The little sister for 2012 will participate in the State Pageant in April 2012. The little Czech sister for 2013 will participate in the State Pageant in April 2013.

Beginning in 2013, one a little Czech sister will be chosen to participate in the State Pageant in April 2014. Every January, the Lavaca County Czech Heritage Society will select a little Czech sister who will then participate in the State Pageant the following year.

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

1. Contestants must be between the ages of 6 and 9 prior to January 1 of the current year.
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 Little Czech Sister, 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.**
5. Contestants must dress in nice Sunday attire.
6. Contestant must be personally present during both portions of the pageant categories and all pageant scheduled events as scheduled per pageant program. The two categories are: Private Interview by Judges and Introduction and Interview by the Pageant Master of Ceremonies.
7. Contestant must attend a mandatory meeting at the December annual Christmas Party.
8. Contestant must agree upon winning a title to participate in the State Pageant on the corresponding year. *The State Pageant is the highest level of participation for Little Czech Sisters. They do **not** compete at the state level.*
9. Contestant must agree upon winning a title to participate in stated events during reign.
10. Contestant may compete multiple times for the title of Little Czech Sister, but upon winning may not compete again.

### Please remember:

**Entries must be received no later than December 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.** Mail or email entries and photo (head shot) to Ashley Hermes 11643 CR 1 Hallettsville, TX 77964, [ashnick27@yahoo.com](mailto:ashnick27@yahoo.com).

### **On-stage Interview Guidelines:**

- Contestants will be introduced and asked to say a few words.
- Contestant will draw for one question. Topics will be given to the contestants during the December mandatory meeting.
- Skills judges will be looking for include presentation, poise, clarity, expression, and public image.

### **Personal Interview Guidelines:**

- Contestants will go before the panel of judges. Contestants will be asked a few questions about themselves, i.e, family, school activities, or extracurricular activities.
- Judges are given 4 minutes to ask questions and have a conversation with each contestant.
- Skills judges will be looking for include presentation, poise, clarity, expression, and public image.

### **Kroj (costume) Guidelines (State Contest Only)**

- Choose a category: Authentic or Americanized.
- 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.
- This is just a guideline of what a kroj is. Little Czech Sisters will NOT be judged at the State Pageant, but they are required to dress in kroj.

## **2012 Little Czech Sister Prizes**

### **Miss Lavaca County Little Czech Sister 2012**

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

### **Miss Lavaca County Little Czech Sister 2013**

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

### **Runners Up**

- Flowers
- Gifts