

Miss Czech Slovak Minnesota Pageant

Dear Prospective Contestant,

We are pleased that you are interested in being a contestant in our 30th annual Miss Czech Slovak Minnesota Pageant. The Miss Czech Slovak Minnesota Pageant will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2022, at the American Legion Hall in Montgomery, Minnesota.

Enclosed are the rules and procedures, along with the application for the pageant. Please read through them carefully, especially the rules pertaining to the talent and kroj (folk dress) portions of the judging for the pageant. There is also a sheet on the requirements of our Queen, Princess and Miss Congeniality. We ask that you read the sheet so you also realize that the Miss Czech Slovak Minnesota Queen competes in the National Miss Czech Slovak US Pageant held in Wilber, Nebraska, the first weekend of August.

Contestants are judged in four categories with equal points in each division. We follow the same format as the National Pageant. The four categories are private interview with the judges, talent presentation, Czech or Slovak kroj (folk dress) and on stage interview, poise and appearance.

We look forward to you being a contestant as we crown our 33rd Miss Czech Slovak Minnesota Queen. If you have any questions or need any help please call one of the numbers listed below or email missczechslovakmn@hotmail.com.

Sincerely,

Miss Czech Slovak Minnesota Board of Directors

Miss Czech Slovak Minnesota Pageant Rules and Procedures

1. Contestants must be of partial to full Czech, Slovak or Moravian descent.
2. Contestants must be between 16 and 26 years of age prior to September 1st of the current year. She must be attending high school or be a high school graduate.
3. The contestant must be single, never married and cannot be an unmarried mother.
4. Each contestant must be a United States citizen. Contestants must be a resident of the state of Minnesota or be a full time student in an accredited school located in Minnesota
5. The contestant must possess and display in a maximum of four (4) minutes a talent presentation, which must be live. The talent may be singing, dancing, playing a musical instrument, dramatic reading, poetry, writing, artwork or ect. She may also give a five minute talk on a subject. If a tape or CD is used for vocal accompaniment, it must be strictly instrumental with no vocal on it. No live animals may be used in talent presentation. All talent must be performed during the practice on the day of the pageant and approved by the pageant directors. If talent is not approved and you are unwilling to change your talent, you will be disqualified.
6. Contestants must appear in a Czech, Slovak or Moravian folk dress or Kroj. A completely new assembled imported dress will not be accepted. A description of your Kroj (folk dress) must be sent no later than March 30, 2022 to the Board of Directors. If your dress or any part of your ensemble including jewelry is borrowed, you must state so in your description. Include who it is borrowed from such as a family member, friend or an organization. If the dress or any part of the dress is handmade, you should state what part is handmade and who made it. You must also state if the material, trim or accessories were purchased in the United States or in the Czech or Slovak Republic. You should also include if any part of the trim or cloth is from an ancestor's dress or if it is patterned after a town or area in the Czech or Slovak Republic. The description will be read as you model your kroj during the kroj part of the pageant. The description must be no longer than 200 words. Describe the kroj in the same detail as you would to a blind person.
7. Contestants must be present at all judged events and be present at the crowning to be eligible to receive any title or talent award. You will be sent a schedule and pageant information at a later date. Please allow time for an informational meeting and pizza party the night prior to the pageant and for brunch the morning after the pageant. All contestants will need to be in Montgomery for practice and judging the entire day of the pageant. You parent(s) who will be your escorts, need to be in Montgomery the morning of the pageant for practice and for the evening pageant.

8. Any Miss Czech Slovak Queen is not eligible to compete a second time in the Miss Czech Slovak Minnesota Pageant. Any other title holder or contestant is eligible to compete in future Miss Czech Slovak Pageants.
9. A wallet size photo or larger must accompany the entry form for the judges and publication. It must be clear to reproduce well and show the head and shoulders.
10. Sponsors are responsible for the entry fee of the contestant. There is a limit of two sponsors per contestant. The entry fee of \$50.00 covers your food on Friday evening and meals on Saturday. The entry fee can either be check from you, parent(s), or relative or you can be sponsored by a business or organization.
11. Completed entries must be postmarked no later than March 11, 2022. Send your entry form, photograph, kroj description and \$50.00 entry fee to Lorraine David, 200 4th St NW, Montgomery, MN 56069 or handed in at David's Diner or digital copy emailed to missczechslovakmn@hotmail.com by March 13, 2022.

The Miss Czech Slovak Minnesota Queen will receive a crown, flowers, sash, trophy and a cash award of \$1000.00. The Minnesota Pageant will pay the entry fee for the Miss Czech Slovak US National Pageant and a \$100.00 stipend toward the National competition held in Wilber, Nebraska the first weekend in August. Lodging in Wilber is provided for the Queen on Friday and Saturday nights of the pageant.

The Miss Czech Slovak Minnesota 1st Princess will receive a crown, flowers, sash, trophy and a cash award of \$600.00.

The Miss Czech Slovak Minnesota 2nd Princess will receive a crown, flowers, sash, trophy and a cash award of \$300.00.

The Miss Czech Slovak Minnesota Miss Congeniality will receive a crown, flowers, sash, trophy and a cash award of \$250.00.

In the event the Queen would not be able to attend the National Miss Czech Slovak Pageant in Nebraska, the Princess would compete and receive the stipend of \$100.00.

Please see an additional sheet on requirements and procedures that would apply to you if you would win the title.

Miss Czech Slovak Minnesota Royalty Requirements of Royalty

1. The Miss Czech Slovak Minnesota Royalty is defined as the Miss Czech Slovak Minnesota Queen, Miss Czech Slovak Minnesota Princess and the Miss Czech Slovak Minnesota Miss Congeniality.
2. The Miss Czech Slovak Minnesota Queen has seven requirements to receive her cash award. She must attend
 - a. Montgomery's Kolacky Days (July)
 - b. Czech Slovak Festival in St. Paul (September)
 - c. New Prague's Dozinky Days (September)
 - d. Two other Czech/Slovak festivals/events of their choosing
 - e. Run in the National Miss Czech Slovak US Pageant held during the Wilber, Nebraska, Czech Days Festival held in August.
 - f. Miss Czech Slovak Minnesota Pageant the following year (2023) to crown her successor.
 - g. If the Miss Czech Slovak Minnesota Queen would be crowned the Miss Czech Slovak US Queen and could not fulfill some of the state requirements because of the National requirements, that would not be held against her.
3. The Miss Czech Slovak Minnesota Princess has five requirements to receive her award. She must attend:
 - a. Montgomery's Kolacky Days (July)
 - b. Czech Slovak Festival in St. Paul (September)
 - c. New Prague's Dozinky Days (September)
 - d. One other Czech/Slovak festivals/events of their choosing
 - e. Miss Czech Slovak Minnesota Pageant the following year (2023) to crown her successor.
4. The Miss Czech Slovak Minnesota Miss Congeniality has five requirements to receive her award. She must attend:
 - a. Montgomery's Kolacky Days (July)
 - b. Czech Slovak Festival in St. Paul (September)
 - c. New Prague's Dozinky Days (September)
 - d. One other Czech/Slovak festivals/events of their choosing
 - e. Miss Czech Slovak Minnesota Pageant the following year (2023) to crown her successor.
5. All royalty must attend the brunch the day after the pageant, followed by a mandatory radio interview. As well as a mandatory event planning meeting after newly crowned to schedule events for the year. (event planning is typically completed in the beginning of May)
6. The Miss Czech Slovak Minnesota Queen must contact the other Royalty Members immediately after learning of a parade or festival to arrange who can attend the

parade or festival. If one member of the Royalty cannot attend, the Board of Directors would like the other member of the royalty to attend the function. The Miss Czech Slovak Minnesota Royalty members are all encouraged and welcome to attend as many parades and festivals as their schedules allow, especially any held in their home towns. Unfortunately, the pageant does not have the funding to reimburse anyone for mileage. Please make sure that when attending parades or festivals that you arrive in a timely manner.

7. If a member of the Miss Czech Slovak Minnesota Royalty is under 18 years of age, we encourage a chaperone to accompany her. The chaperone should be a family member.
8. The Miss Czech Slovak Minnesota Pageant Board of Directors also asks that all members of the Royalty refrain from smoking or consuming any alcohol while in kroj, regardless of their age.
9. If a member of the Miss Czech Slovak Minnesota Royalty commits any criminal offense, their title will be removed.
10. The Pageant Board of Directors asks and requires all members of the Royalty to notify a member of the Board of any changes of address or telephone numbers that may occur during their reign. This should be done as soon as possible after a change.
11. The Festival of Nations, which is held in early May in St. Paul is not a requirement to attend. We do encourage all members of the Royalty to attend if possible. The Pageant will pay the entrance fee for the Royalty and one or two chaperones.
12. The Board of directors asks that any Press Releases or literature that you hand out during parades or other events the Royalty attends have prior approval of the Board of Directors. This is especially important if you wish to be reimbursed for any printing charges.
13. The Miss Czech Slovak Minnesota Board of Directors wishes to thank you and your family and appreciates your participation in all parades, festivals and public functions.

If you have any questions or concerns about any of the requirements please contact us by email at missczechslovakmn@hotmail.com. or any board member listed below.

Anne Smisek Jans - 507.202.4598
Cindy Taylor - 952.994.4950
Lorraine David - 507.364.9370
Josh Gare - 507.210.2954
Heather Vikla - 507.581.3180
Audrey Dietz - 952.250.6620

Miss Czech Slovak Minnesota Pageant Application

This form must be filled out completely. If you wish, you can scan it into a computer or retype the form. However, all information must be included in order it appears. Make sure to sign on page three.

Full Name:

Sponsor (s):

Town you are representing:

Complete Home Address:

Complete School or Work Address:

Home Phone Number:

Age and Birth Date:

Parent (s) Names (s):

EDUCATION:

High School attended - grade, or year of graduation:

College or Vocational School:

Special Training in music, drama, dance, sports, ect.:

Talent for Pageant:

What are your Future Aspirations:

Why would you like to be Miss Czech Slovak Minnesota:

Please provide some current facts about yourself for publicity, including hobbies, clubs, sports, high school or college activities, honor won, ect.:

How did you hear about the Pageant?

Please include a family tree, up to grandparents and indicate which relatives are Czechoslovakian or Slovakian descent.

These forms are given to the judges, so please make sure they are neat.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read the official rules and procedures and I am complying with them in every way. I also understand the requirements that I have to fulfill if I receive a title.

I certify that all information contained in the application, in my talent performance, and in my Kroj description, and all information given to the judges is true and accurate.

This Miss Czech Slovak Minnesota Board of directors retains the right of disqualification at any time deemed necessary. That includes the day of the pageant and at any time during a title winner's reign.

Signed: _____

Date: _____