



Official Miss Czech Slovak KS Pageant Entry Form--July 28th & 29th, 2017

First/Last Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Parents Names: _____

Height: _____

You will need to provide your social security number or student ID number should you win a scholarship.

* Which kroj category will you be modeling in? **Circle one:** AMERICANIZED or AUTHENTIC

* Which of the following best describes the construction of your kroj? **Circle one:**

Family Owned Heirloom Self-made Self-made with assistance Borrowed Purchased

* Please answer the following questions on an additional sheet of paper. All answers must be on two, one sided - letter size sheets of paper, with 12 point. *Please have your state and name in the header of each page.* If applicable, answers should be focused around your heritage.

1. Describe your Czech/Slovak heritage (including lineage).
2. What is your educational background and/or educational future plans? Please include the name, city, state, and degree of your highest educational institution.
3. What are your future plans and ambitions? (Non-school related)
4. Describe up to 3 honors/awards you have earned.
5. Why do you want to be Miss Czech Slovak US?
6. How do you feel about your Czech-Slovak ancestry?
7. Describe your preparation for the Miss Czech Slovak US pageant.
8. Describe Czech or Slovak activities you are involved in. Include in your answer the scope and length of involvement of each activity.
9. Describe how your kroj represents your family's lineage. **Include why you chose American or Authentic. How does your kroj represents this category? Describe why you chose your construction category.**
10. Describe, in detail, your talent, including any special props or stage equipment you might need.
11. List one primary sponsor: _____

*Application must be in the hands of the state director on July 09, 2017. Your application is used for determining the **Heritage Involvement Award.***

* Kroj description – double spaced, one page, at least 14-point font

* Photo – Head and shoulder picture with NO crown or sash. Shoulders are to be covered.

_____ \$25 Entry fee Enclosed _____ Kroj Description Enclosed _____ Entry Form with Questions and Photo Enclosed

I hereby acknowledge that I have read the OFFICIAL Rules and Procedures and I am complying with them in every way and the personal data is correct. I understand the consequences for not complying with all rules and procedures.

Signature: _____

Date: _____



2017 Miss Czech-Slovak KS Pageant Official Rules and Procedures

Rules

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

- Contestants must be between the ages of 16 and 26 prior to August 1 of the current year.
- She must be attending high school or be a high school graduate.
- Contestant must be a citizen or eligible to work in the United States of America.
- Contestant must be of partial Czech, Moravian, Slovak, Rusyn, Silesian descent or be legally adopted by parents of this decent.
- Contestant must appear in a Czech, Moravian, Slovak, Rusyn or Silesian kroj (Costume). Contestants are limited to bringing only 2 kroj for the pageant.
- Contestants must be single and never married and have no offensive behavior which could cause a negative impact to the pageant. not have committed a crime or been
- Contestant may be a legal resident of Kansas or be attending an accredited high school, college, university, tech school, trade school or business school in Kansas.
- Contestant must be personally present and participate in all four pageant categories and all pageant scheduled events as scheduled per pageant committee. The four categories in order are: Private Interview by Judges on Fri. July 28, 2017 with the remainder of the categories, Public Onstage Interview, Kroj Modeling, and Talent Presentation on Sat., July 29, 2017. Failure to complete any category or attend a weekend event will result in disqualification from the pageant. **If contestant is not properly prepared for any category resulting in pageant order deviation will result in a deduction of 5 points.**

Procedure

- Contestants are required to be at the rehearsal, followed by the queen's luncheon on Fri., July 28, 2017.
- Contestant will assist with the Princess Pageant and must attend the Kansas Czech Meeting Friday afternoon.
- No alcoholic beverages will be consumed by contestants during pageant weekend.

Contestant's Entry Information

- Entries must be in the hands of the state director on July 07, 2017.
- No changes to entry form, kroj description, or questions are allowed after July 15, 2017.
- The following parts must be included in Contestant's e-mailed Entry Packet
 - Entry Form and Pageant Questions (two – one sided sheets of paper)
 - Kroj Description (Double space 12 point Times New Roman Font)
 - Each form should have contestants name and state in page header.
- All paper forms are to be emailed to ***ksczechqueenpageant@gmail.com***.
 - *Mandatory* Email kroj description in word format.
 - Following are to be mailed.
 - Photo (headshot – from shoulder up in kroj) Shoulders are to be covered with clothing. Photo can be any size up to 5x 7. Photos are preferred in color. Due by July 7, 2017.
 - \$25.00 Entry Fee payable to Miss Czech Slovak KS Pageant. Due by July 7, 2017.
 - Contestant's fee and picture should be mailed to: Lynn Kasper, Pageant Director, 136 8th. Rd., Wilson, Ks. 67490.

Individual Category Rules

All Categories: Contestants compete in alphabetical order by last name.

Private Interview Rules

- Contestant must be interviewed in the same kroj she presents during kroj modeling category.
- Contestant will receive a 7-minute interview panel-style with the judges.
- All contestants will receive the same first three questions. After these questions, judges ask questions utilizing the contestant's entry form and questionnaire.
- Judges cannot ask questions about personal political affiliation, sexual topics, or personal religious affiliation or beliefs.
- Timer will announce when 30 seconds are left, contestant should answer final question or finish current question.

On-stage Interview Rules:

- Contestant must be interviewed in the same kroj she presents during kroj modeling category.
- Contestant will draw for three formal questions. A study guide of topics and subjects will be sent, via email, on or about, two weeks prior to the pageant to the contestants.
- First question will be "Americanized" and Second question will be "Authentic." The Third question will be an impromptu kroj question.
- Contestants cannot read question prior to handing to Master of Ceremonies.

Kroj (costume) Rules

- 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 250 words, the pageant committee will edit the contestant's description. There are two divisions in the Kroj category: Americanized and Authentic divisions. The kroj should represent your family's heritage. Judges may deduct point for krojs that do not represent the region, town or village of your family's ancestry.
- Kroj description should include (but not limited to):
 - The origin, how it represents you, if any part is authentic, the meaning of the kroj and physical description.
- All contestants receive similar introduction including: Name, State, Kroj Division, and Kroj construction. This information is found on the entry form. This introduction does not count towards 250-word count.
- Authentic kroj are traditional Czech, Moravian, Silesian, Rusyn 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, Rusyn or Slovak ancestry with American or modern accents.
- Description should be 12 point Times New Roman font, double spaced and one page.
- Description must be typed with contestant's name and state in page header.
- All kroj descriptions must be emailed to the pageant director

Talent Rules

- Talent act is limited to no more than **four minutes**. It begins with a formal introduction and concludes with work, note or motion.
- Contestants are encouraged, but not mandated, to introduce their talent including: what talent they will be performing, why they chose their talent and how it relates to the contestant. The introduction is part of the four-minute time limit.
- Talent can be singing, dancing, playing a musical instrument, dramatic reading, art display, dress designing, poetry, drawings, gymnastics, or a verbal oration on a subject or topic.
- Pre-recorded, and pre-created props will not be considered/judged in overall performance.
- An on-stage accompanist is allowed but no other partners can perform with contestant.
- Contestants must describe their talent in detail on their pageant application.
- Contestants are responsible for all props for their talent. Pageant will provide, microphone (handheld and cordless), piano, and speaker system. All other props must be provided by the contestant.
- 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.
- The state director is the official talent timer.

Traditional Prizes

Miss Czech/Slovak KS

- \$500 Scholarship
- Jeweled crown and sash
- Trip to Washington D.C., if awarded by the Czech Republic Embassy

1st Runner up

- A \$250.00 Scholarship
- Sash

2nd Runner up

- A \$100 Scholarship
- Sash

Talent Awards:

- Grand Talent Winner: Crystal Prize
- Talent Runner Up: Crystal Prize

Kroj Awards:

- Crystal Prize

Oratory Award:

- Crystal Prize
- An oratory award will be presented to the contestant who has the best overall oratory skills. These skills include presentation, poise, clarity, expression, and public image. Judges will evaluate these skills throughout the pageant weekend for example, meetings, bandstand introductions, parade, and stage.

Other Awards: *All awards below receive a cash prize or Crystal*

- *LaVange Shiroky Participation Scholarships:* Each contestant will receive a scholarship from the LaVange Shiroky Memorial Scholarship Fund.
- *Spirit Award:* This award is presented to the contestant with the most passion and spirit for her heritage.
- *Heritage Involvement Award:* This award is presented to the contestant with the most and best community involvement in their heritage. This is determined by the contestant's entry form.
- *Miss Congeniality Award:* This award is determined by the contestants. Kansas must have 5 contestants for this award to be given. Contestants vote for the young lady, who exhibits the best attitude and spirit of the pageant.

All awards are subject to change based upon received donations.