



## MISS CZECH & SLOVAK FLORIDA PAGEANT

### Contestant Rules and Procedures

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1. Contestants must be between 18 and 26 years of age prior to August 1 of the year of the pageant. She must be attending high school, a Junior college, Tech school, college, university or be a high school graduate.
2. A contestant must be single, never married and cannot be an unmarried mother.
3. Each contestant must appear in an authentic or Americanized Czech or Slovak traditional dress (*kroj*) of her own or local creation. There will be two divisions in the *kroj* category (authentic and Americanized).
4. A contestant must be of partial Czech or Slovak descent.
5. The talent part of the contest is limited to a maximum of five minutes. The contestant must possess and display her *kroj* in a live talent presentation. The talent presentation may be singing, dancing, playing a musical instrument, dramatic reading, art display, dress designing, poetry recitation, gymnastics, etc. A speech on an appropriate topic is permitted. The contestant will be penalized a point if the talent presentation goes beyond five minutes. Partners during the talent presentation are not permitted. An accompanist is permitted.

NOTE: Contestants are encouraged to perform their talent presentation in Czech or Slovak or use works by Czech or Slovak composers or writers. Performing the talent presentation in Czech or Slovak is not mandatory.

6. Contestants must be personally present during all four-pageant categories as scheduled as per the pageant program. The four categories in order are as follows: (1) private interview by the judges, (2) introduction and interview by the Pageant Master of Ceremonies, (3) *kroj* modeling, and (4) talent presentation. There will be no exceptions.
7. Entries must be received no later than 30 days before the competition. Send an application to the *Florida Pageant Committee, c/o American Czech-Slovak Club at 13325 Arch Creek Rd, North Miami, FL 33181* together with an entry fee of \$25 payable to the Miss Florida Czech-Slovak Pageant.
8. A copy of the Official Guideline for Pageant Judges is included as background information.
9. A brief description of the *kroj* must be included with the application. This will be read aloud as the *kroj* is modeled during the *kroj* competition. The description

- should in the same detail as would be described to a blind person and should include whether it is handmade, made by the contestant, if any part of the kroj is from an ancestor's kroj or if any of the material comes from the Czech Republic or Slovak Republic, etc. If any part of the kroj has a meaning of Czech or Slovak culture or ancestry, this should be part of the description. The description should no be more than 200 words in length.
10. A photograph (minimum 4 x 6) of the contestant must accompany the application form. This will be used for publications. It must be very clear to reproduce. The photo can be either in color or black and white.
  11. The winner will be crowned the MISS FLORIDA CZECH-SLOVAK QUEEN and will receive a cash award, a jeweled crown, flowers, trophy, other gifts, and publicity. She will also receive an all-expense paid trip to Nebraska to compete in the national MISS CZECH-SLOVAK USA PAGEANT to be held in early August. The first runner-up will receive a cash award and trophy. A cash award will be given for the best talent presentation. A cash award will be given for best kroj. There will be a Heritage Award given to the young woman who exhibits a strong connection and pride of her Czech or Slovak heritage. If the Queen is unavailable to compete in Nebraska, then the first runner-up will go to Nebraska.
  12. Contestants should plan to arrive at the American Czech-Slovak Cultural Club in North Miami at noon on the day of the pageant.
  13. Once the application form is received accompanied with the \$25 application fee and photograph, a letter will be sent which will describe the exact schedule of Pageant events.