



## Miss Czech-Slovak US Queen Expectations

The Miss Czech-Slovak US Queen is a prestigious role that carries expectations and responsibilities. These are guidelines to ensure consistency and appropriate representation of the Miss Czech-Slovak US organization.

A successful reign is determined by the following two criteria:

1. Number of contestants
2. Sponsors/Donors

The Miss Czech Slovak US organization reserves the right to amend these at any time.

1. Miss Czech Slovak US (She) should attend at least 4 out of state heritage events during her annual reign. Events within home state do not qualify.
2. Within 48 hour of crowning official biography must be created with National Pageant Director (NPD)
3. She shall send a formal update to the NPD: November 1, March 1, and June 1.
4. She shall send letters of appreciation and gratitude to all pageant sponsors by September 1. Once mailed, please contact NPD to notify that “thank you’s” have been sent.
5. She shall create a schedule of travel by Oct. 1.
6. She shall contact the NPD if invited to an event and is unable to attend.
7. All reimbursable travel must be approved by the NPD
  - a. Priority travel shall be given to state pageants and events that potentially produce an at-large contestant.
8. She shall participate in all Board of Director’s conference calls
9. She shall update her webpage on the Miss Czech Slovak US pageant website.
  - a. She may have her own blog/website but during her reign the Miss Czech Slovak US pageant reserves the right to edit or change any and all websites. If a change is requested it must be executed within 24 hours.
10. She is not allowed to wear her national crown/sash, unless wearing kroj
  - a. She shall not drink alcohol or smoke during national queen appearances.
  - b. Rule 9 applies to current and post reign
11. She shall email a report to the NPD after each heritage event.
12. She shall make no dramatic changes to her appearance without pageant consent.
13. She is allowed to utilize pageant recruiting materials at all heritage events
  - a. All recruiting material must be approved by NPD.
14. She is expected to make contact with all at-large contestants and offer assistance prior to July 1.
15. She shall return to Wilber, NE for the following Miss Czech Slovak US pageant.
16. She shall create list of contacts collected from heritage events.

### **Trip Information:**

- Queen has \$2500 to apply towards a trip to the Czech or Slovak Republic. (Pending available scholarship funds)
- Trip must be used within 24 months of winning Miss Czech-Slovak US. If not used within 24 months Queen will forfeit all trip award.
- If trip is not used within 12 months queen will forfeit \$500.
- Queen will provide receipts of trip expenses to be reimbursed.
- NPD will approve all expenses.

**Prize Money Information:**

- Queen will receive 50% of cash prize following crowning. She will receive “second half” 50% upon returning to Wilber for the following year Miss Czech Slovak US national pageant. Failure to return will result in forfeiture of “second half” 50%.

**Crown Information**

- Queen shall receive three crown to utilize during her reign
- She shall keep the official national crown.
- The “Fiala Crown” and “Bohemian Crystal Crown” are expected to be passed down to the following queen
  - This crown is to be used for parades. All other uses including pictures must be pre-approved via the PD.
  - These crowns must be returned in a similar condition, minus normal wear and tear, as given to the national queen.
  - Failure to return crowns in “like condition” will result in a fine of \$100+, based on costs to repair damage.

**Potential Contestants:**

1. If the contestants resides in a state, with the state pageant, please contact the state Board of Director
2. If above does not apply, collect contestants’ contact information and send to NPD.

**Tips:**

- Business cards are helpful for handing out your information, or using the backs to write down the contact information of potential sponsors, candidates, or others you want to stay in contact with.
- You are allowed to make magnetic car signs using the pageant logo. These are not reimbursable.
- When traveling, study and research the news on where you are going. It is important understand current Slovak and Czech events and how they may effect conversation.
- Keep you kroj as clean as when you competed. Make sure you don’t “cut corners” always wear full kroj.
- Not everyone knows about our wonderful pageant. Be prepared to explain your title several times, sometimes more than once to each person, to those who ask or look puzzled.
- You sometimes have to juggle a conversation and a group of people snapping candid photos of you. Do your best to be polite and accommodate everyone. Not everyone knows if they are allowed to take pictures with you.
- Don’t be afraid to get outside your “bubble.” If you want to travel to a place you have never been, people are very inviting and you can find a ride or host home pretty much anywhere.
- Thank you cards: bring blank ones on your trips. You never know when someone will do something nice because they met the queen. Also, be sure to thank the people who invite you to their events or house you.

This is not intended to be a conclusive list of all activities, the pageant reserves the right to update or change any all expectations at any time.