



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. Number of Sponsors/Donors**

This is not intended to be a conclusive list; the Miss Czech-Slovak US Organization reserves the right to amend any or all expectations at any time.

Initial Requirements

- **Create Your Biography:** Submit your official biography to the NPD within 48 hours of being crowned.
- **Send Letters of Gratitude:** By September 1, send letters of appreciation to all pageant sponsors. Once mailed, notify the NPD that they've been sent.

Regular Updates & Communication

- **Schedule Updates:** Share your schedule of travel plans with the NPD by October 1.
- **Formal Updates:** Send updates to the NPD on **November 1, March 1, and June 1** to share your accomplishments and plans.
- **Post-Event Reports:** After each heritage event, email a report and social media post to the NPD within 24 hours.
- **Web Updates:** She may have her own blog/website but during her reign the Miss Czech Slovak US, pageant reserves the right to edit or change all websites. If a change is requested, it must be executed within 24 hours.

Event Attendance

- **Event Expectations:** She should attend at least six (6) heritage events during her reign. Two of these events should be virtual. Events in the National Queen's home state do not qualify.
- **Invitations:** Notify the NPD if you're invited to an event but unable to attend.
- **Travel Approval:** All reimbursable travel must be pre-approved by the NPD, with priority given to state pageants and events likely to produce at-large contestants.

Professionalism and Appearance

- **Kroj Etiquette:**
 - The expectation is that approximately 75% of events are attended in kroj, though this serves as a guideline rather than a strict requirement. We understand that it may not always be practical or appropriate to attend specific appearances in

kroj. Prior approval from the National Pageant Director (NPD) is required for events attended without kroj.

- Always wear your national crown and sash with kroj; do not combine them with other crowns or sashes.
- Do not drink alcohol or smoke during appearances. These rules apply during and after your reign.
- **Appearance:**
 - She shall make no dramatic changes to her appearance without pageant consent.

Engagement & Representation

- **Recruiting:** Use approved pageant recruiting materials at all heritage events to inspire future contestants
- **Potential Contestants:** If the potential contestant resides in a state, with a state pageant, please contact the state Board of Director Representative and cc NPD on correspondence. If above does not apply, collect contestant's contact information, and send to NPD.
- **Support At-Large Contestants:** Reach out to all at-large contestants by July 1 to offer guidance and support. Please cc the NPD on this correspondence.
- **Parades:** When participating in parades, ride with members of the Royal Court or your national Little Sister, but not with state or local royalty.

Commitment to Heritage & Community

- **Knowledge Sharing:** Maintain a list of contacts from heritage events and share it with the NPD.
- **Board Participation:** Participate in Board of Directors' conference calls if directed by the NPD.
- **Return to Wilber:** Attend the following Miss Czech-Slovak US Pageant in Wilber, NE, to complete your reign.

Rule Violations

- Any violations of pageant rules will be reviewed by the Pageant Committee and/or Board of Directors and may result in forfeiture of title or awards.

Trip Information

- Queen has \$2,500 to apply towards a trip to the Czech or Slovak Republic. (Pending available 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.
- NPD should pre-approve reimbursable trip expenses. Queen will provide receipts for documentation.

Prize Money Information

- Queen will receive 50% of cash prize following crowning. She will receive second 50% upon returning to Wilber for the following year Miss Czech Slovak US Pageant. While it is rare, failure to meet the pageant's expectations or return the following year may result in forfeiture of the second half of the prize money.

Crown Information

- Queen shall receive three crown to utilize during her reign.
- She shall keep the official national crown. Should this crown be damaged beyond repair, she can request a new crown from the National Pageant (payment may be requested depending on the circumstances).
- The “Fiala Crown” and “Bohemian Crystal Crown” are expected to be passed down to the following queen.
 - The “Fiala Crown” is to be used for parades. All other uses including pictures must be pre-approved via the NPD.
 - 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.

Tips

- **Stay Connected with the NPD:** Keep the National Pageant Director informed about the events you're attending. She loves hearing about your plans and accomplishments, so make sure to share updates, including post-event highlights!
- **Make a Lasting Impression:** Business cards are a great way to share your information and stay connected. You can also jot down details about potential sponsors, candidates, or new friends on the back—networking made easy!
- **Personalized Promotion:** Feel free to create magnetic car signs with the pageant logo to represent your title wherever you go. It's a fun way to share your pride (though not reimbursable).
- **Be Informed:** Before traveling, take time to explore news and current events about your destination, especially Slovak and Czech updates. Being knowledgeable enriches conversations and strengthens connections.
- **Kroj Perfection:** Your kroj is a symbol of pride and tradition—keep it as pristine as when you competed. Wear it fully and with honor to showcase the beauty of your heritage.
- **Share the Pageant's Story:** Not everyone knows about our amazing pageant! Be ready to share your story and explain your title to those curious, even if it takes a couple of tries. Your enthusiasm can spark interest and admiration.
- **Grace Under the Spotlight:** Sometimes, you'll find yourself balancing conversations with candid photo moments. Stay gracious, smile, and guide those interested in pictures—they'll appreciate your kindness and charm.
- **Embrace New Adventures:** Step outside your comfort zone! If there's a new place you'd like to visit, people are incredibly welcoming. You can often find a ride or host home just by asking.

- **Express Gratitude:** Always carry a few blank thank-you cards during your travels. They're perfect for showing appreciation to those who welcome you into their homes or go out of their way to support you. A little gratitude goes a long way!