

# Nebraska Czechs of Lincoln

## Queen Contest - Rules & Regulations

1. Candidate must currently be a resident of the state of Nebraska or attending an accredited high school, college, university, or trade school in Nebraska to be eligible to participate locally and in the Miss Nebraska Czech-Slovak Queen Pageant.
2. Candidate must be between the ages of 16 and 25.
3. Candidate must be attending high school or is a high school graduate; or have achieved a GED certificate.
4. Candidate must be of partial Czech or Slovak descent or be legally adopted by parents of this descent.
5. Candidate must be a single female and must not be pregnant nor become pregnant during her reign as the Lincoln Queen.
6. Candidate must not partake in any offensive behavior which could cause a negative impact on the Nebraska Czechs of Lincoln. If so, you will be disqualified, and your title will be removed.
7. If chosen to be the Lincoln Queen, she will not be permitted to compete in another ethnic pageant until she has fulfilled her duties as the reigning queen.
8. Each Candidate must submit an essay (100-150 words) on the subject "Why I Would Like to be the Lincoln Czech-Slovak Queen" along with the completed entry form and a picture, no later than March 15th of the current year.
9. Should more than one young lady be competing for the title of Lincoln Czech-Slovak Queen, a mini pageant will be conducted with a panel of three judges. Each candidate will have a personal interview and asked to give a talent presentation.
10. Candidate may, but is not required, to appear in kroj (Czech costume) at the time of the mini pageant. However, a kroj is required at the time of her coronation and when appearing in public.... representing the Nebraska Czechs of Lincoln.
11. Candidate is judged on the merits of personality, poise, personal interview, and talent.
12. Talent is limited to no more than three (3) minutes. During that time, candidate must display a talent presentation which must be live. Talent may be singing, dancing, playing a musical instrument, a dramatic reading, gymnastics, art display, dress designing, creative poetry, etc. or she may give a three-minute talk on a subject of her choosing. Accompanists, tapes and CDs are acceptable to use in talent presentation.

13. Candidate will be notified within 1 week if she has been chosen to be the next Lincoln Czech-Slovak Queen. The winner is required to be present for the coronation during the Lincoln Czech Festival which is normally on the first Sunday of that year.
14. The newly crowned Queen shall receive a **tiara, sash** and **\$100** at the time of her coronation.
15. During her year long reign, the Queen is expected to attend a minimum of four (4) Czech Festivals or Czech Events from the approved list below. She will have the **opportunity to earn \$25 for each event attended from this approved list**. She will be reimbursed for those approved events at the end of her reign, after providing a list of the events or activities that she attended and a report of how she promoted her Czech-Slovak heritage. We encourage our Queen to attend other events beyond this list as it is an honor to represent your heritage.

**Approved list of events to attend:**

Omaha Czech-Slovak Cultural Club Festival  
 South Central (*Hastings*) Festival (June)  
 Milligan June Jubilee/Parade (June)  
 Clarkson Czech Festival/Parade (*2 day event, only 1 allowance*) (June)  
 Seward 4<sup>th</sup> of July Royalty Reception & Parade (July 4<sup>th</sup>)  
 Dwight Czech Festival/Parade (July)  
 Wilber Czech Festival (*2 day event, only 1 allowance*) (August)  
 Prague Heritage Day (August)  
 York Festival (October)

16. In the event that the crowned queen is unable to fulfill her obligations, she forfeits her title, tiara and sash. The first runner-up then assumes the Lincoln Czech-Slovak Queen title and responsibilities for the remainder of the year and will receive proper payment at that time.
17. In the event that you (the Lincoln Czech-Slovak Queen) is crowned the Miss NE Czech-Slovak Queen in June of the following year, the NE Czechs of Lincoln will award you with additional funds (TBD) to help with expenses.
18. Candidate must be prepared to commit for 1 to 3 years to fulfill her duties if chosen to be the Lincoln Czech-Slovak Queen, and/or NE Czech-Slovak Queen, and/or Miss Czech-Slovak US Queen, and/or 1st or 2nd Runner-up.
19. Queen must be in her kroj while wearing her tiara and sash. She is not to wear her tiara or sash in street clothes.
20. If the Lincoln Czech Queen does not win the title of Miss NE Czech-Slovak Queen, she is allowed to run for the Lincoln Czech Queen title again, up to a total of 3 times. If there are other contestants, she must compete in a mini pageant each time to determine who will best represent the Lincoln Chapter.

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## LINCOLN CZECH-SLOVAK QUEEN APPLICATION

(Type or Print Legibly)

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Number \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Education: High School \_\_\_\_\_ Years Attended \_\_\_\_\_

College \_\_\_\_\_ Years Attended \_\_\_\_\_

Mothers Name \_\_\_\_\_ Fathers Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to further my education by: \_\_\_\_\_

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Special training you had in music, dramatics, dancing, etc.: \_\_\_\_\_

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Your future ambitions: \_\_\_\_\_  
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List some interesting facts about yourself, including hobbies, school activities, clubs, honors received, etc:  
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Briefly describe your family heritage: \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Please send a current picture of yourself)

I hereby acknowledge that I have read the Official Rules and Procedures and that  
**I AM COMPLYING WITH THEM IN EVERY WAY** and that the personal data herein is correct.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_

If candidate is under the age of 19 years, please provide the following:

Parent/Legal Guardian Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_