

Awards, Duties & Responsibilities of Miss Czech-Slovak Iowa

1. The crowned Miss Czech-Slovak Iowa will receive:
 - Jeweled crown
 - Sash
 - Flowers
 - \$1,000 scholarship (subject to meeting event criteria)
 - Sponsorship to the Miss Czech-Slovak U.S. pageant in Wilber, Nebraska
 - Numerous appearances, publicity, and various gifts
2. While attending the Miss Czech-Slovak U.S. pageant in Wilber, Nebraska you must abide by all of the rules at the national level as the state of Iowa and Czech Heritage Foundation representative.
3. You must attend all functions where the Czech Heritage Foundation requests your presence. To earn the \$1,000 award, **a minimum of 15 events must be attended, including two out of state pageants/events.** Exceptions can be made with valid conflicts. The co-directors will work with you if you reside outside the Cedar Rapids area. It is understood that the queen may reside or be enrolled in a college in a different part of Iowa or a different state.

Required events include...

- Attend the remainder of the Houby Days Festival (May)
- Attend Czech School or their Final Program and provide a brief description of yourself and your duties (June/July)
- Attend the Miss Czech-Slovak U.S. Pageant in Wilber, Nebraska as a visiting queen and to support the Iowa queen competing for the title (1st weekend in August)
- Attend the Czech Heritage Foundation Picnic and give an update on your reign (August)
- Participate in Svaty Mikulas activities (December)
- Attend the annual Czech Heritage Foundation meeting and provide an update (January)
- Be present at the Miss Czech-Slovak Iowa Pageant orientation and any other following meetings, if applicable (February)
- Attend St. Patrick's Day and St. Joseph's Day festivities including but not limited to: parades and dance (mid-March)
- Emcee and crown your successor during the Houby Days Festival (May)
- Represent Iowa at Nationals in Wilber, Nebraska the year following your reign (August)

Other non-specific duties/responsibilities include...

- Attend other parades and promotions in the Cedar Rapids area and surrounding communities either with/without the Royal Court.
- Attend some ethnic events in Iowa and surrounding states. Ensure that you have time to speak or perform your talent for their organization. The pageant committee will help you to find and organize events, but you may also take the initiative yourself.

- Assist the pageant program in recruiting future contestants
4. Queens are required to notify one or both pageant co-directors if they are attending an event. This notice should come at least one week in advance. If the queen is invited to an event but is unable to attend, she must notify one or both pageant co-directors so accommodations can be changed (if necessary).
 5. Queens are required to keep a log of the events they attend. This log should include the queen's name and title, the name of the event attended, the date of the event and the duties/responsibilities performed at the event.
 6. The state queen must appear in kroj, crown and sash at all functions they attend. She cannot wear her crown and sash with street clothes.
 7. The state queen is not allowed to enter any other pageants until she fulfills her reign as Miss Czech-Slovak Iowa.
 8. Contestants will be required to be available upon conclusion of the pageant for additional pictures, interviews, or personal visits with various individuals of the Czech Heritage Foundation.
 9. If the crowned queen chooses not to fulfill her obligations, including but not limited to, participating in the Miss Czech-Slovak US pageant, she forfeits her title and the right to wear her crown and sash at future events. The second highest scorer from the pageant, then assumes the Miss Czech-Slovak Iowa title and responsibilities from that time until a new queen is crowned, or the Miss Czech-Slovak US pageant is completed. The Pageant Committee reserves the right to adjust the stipend in the event of a queen not fulfilling her obligations.
 10. After the reign of a state queen is completed in May of the following year, she is encouraged to attend future events and wear her kroj, crown and sash. As a past state queen, she cannot wear her crown and sash in street clothes.

Awards, Duties & Responsibilities of Miss Czech-Slovak Iowa Runner-Ups

1. The Miss Czech-Slovak Iowa Runner Ups will receive:
 - Jeweled crown
 - Sash
 - Flowers
 - Cash award (subject to meeting event criteria)
 - Numerous appearances, publicity, and various gifts
2. You must attend all functions where the Czech Heritage Foundation requests your presence. To earn the cash award, **a minimum of 10 events must be attended for the 1st Runner Up, and 8 events must be attended for the 2nd Runner Up (if applicable)**. Exceptions can be made with valid conflicts. The co-directors will work with you if you reside in a different part of the state.

Required events include...

- Attend the remainder of the Houby Days Festival (May)
- Attend Czech School or their Final Program and provide a brief description of yourself and your duties (June/July)
- Attend the Czech Heritage Foundation Picnic and give an update on your reign (August)
- Participate in Svaty Mikulas activities (December)
- Attend the annual Czech Heritage Foundation meeting and provide an update (January)
- Attend St. Patrick's Day and St. Joseph's Day festivities including but not limited to: parades and dance (mid-March)
- Crown your successor during the Houby Days Festival (May)

Other non-specific duties/responsibilities include...

- Attend other parades and promotions in the Cedar Rapids area and surrounding communities either with/without the Royal Court.
 - Attend some ethnic events in Iowa and surrounding states. Ensure that you have time to speak or perform your talent. The pageant committee will help you to find and organize events, but you may also take the initiative yourself.
3. Runner Ups are required to notify one or both pageant co-directors if they are attending an event. This notice should come at least one week in advance. If a runner up is invited to an event but is unable to attend, she must notify one or both pageant co-directors so accommodations can be changed (if necessary).
 4. Runner Ups are required to keep a log of the events they attend. This log should include the name and title of the runner up, the name of the event attended, the date of the event and the duties/responsibilities performed at the event.
 5. A runner up must appear in kroj, crown and sash at all functions she attends. She cannot wear her crown and sash with street clothes.

6. A runner up is not allowed to enter any other pageants until she fulfills her reign as a Miss Czech-Slovak Iowa Runner Up.
7. Contestants will be required to be available upon conclusion of the pageant for additional pictures, interviews, or personal visits with various individuals of the Czech Heritage Foundation.
8. In the event that the crowned queen chooses not to fulfill her obligations, including but not limited to, participating in the Miss Czech-Slovak US pageant, she forfeits her title, crown, and sash. The second highest scorer from the pageant then assumes the Miss Czech-Slovak Iowa title and responsibilities from that time until a new queen is crowned, or the Miss Czech-Slovak US pageant is completed. If the second highest scorer from the pageant is unable to fulfill the obligations, the third highest scorer will assume the title and responsibilities (if applicable).
9. After the reign of a runner up is completed in May of the following year, she is encouraged to attend events and wear her kroj, crown and sash. She cannot wear her crown and sash in street clothes.