



**Miss National CSA Contest
Rules and Regulations
DEADLINE: JUNE 10TH**

Eligibility

Eligible to participate are single girls, who are not less than 18 and not more than 23 years of age by the date of the contest, and in good standing as members of CSA Fraternal Life for a minimum of one year at the time of entry. Previous contestants who have not been selected as Miss National CSA may enter a second time. **Deadline for returning your application to CSA this year is June 10th.** The order of appearance of contestants is based on the order in which completed forms are received at CSA.

Appearances

For the Friday night contest, contestants will appear in numerical order twice each before a panel of three judges. In the first round, each girl will introduce herself followed by an oral presentation, not to exceed five minutes in length, on a subject of interest. Suggested topics are an experience or person who has influenced you, your viewpoint on an issue about which you feel strongly, an explanation of why you have chosen your field of study, or your goals in life. For this appearance, contestants will wear professional business attire.

During the second round, contestants will field questions by the judges pertaining to aspects of their applications or speeches. For this appearance, contestants will wear semi-formal dresses.

Contestants will also make an appearance in the Hospitality Suite on Friday afternoon for a meet and greet with the Get-Together delegates. During dinner on Friday night, you will be seated with the judges. All contestants will also participate in a service project usually held on Friday morning of the Get-Together.

Wardrobe

Friday Service Project: Jeans and CSA T-shirt (will be provided) (no flip-flops)

Friday Hospitality Suite: Casual clothes and Sash (no jeans or flip-flops)

Friday Night: Dinner with judges and 1st Appearance before judges:

Professional business attire.

2nd Appearance before judges: Semi-formal dress

Saturday afternoon: Casual attire (no jeans or flip flops)

Saturday Evening: Coronation: Formal gown

Sunday Brunch: Business attire or summer dress or skirt/blouse

During your free-time, please keep attire conservative: no midriff tops, short shorts, or ripped jeans. Remember you will be representing CSA, your Lodge, and your family. Again, no flip-flops.

The sash provided to you should be worn at all events including the Hospitality Suite, Service Project, Friday, and Saturday night events and Sunday Brunch service.

Photos

Contestants will provide one current photo and eight to ten photos of herself while growing up. A brochure will be provided to introduce each contestant. Do not send images that have been printed out on computer paper or Polaroid pictures. Photos can be emailed to alovell@csalife.com. **If emailing, please send photos as an attachment.** Photos can also be mailed to: CSA Fraternal Department, 2050 Finley Rd., Ste. 70, Lombard, IL 60148.

Expectations

Contestants should plan to check-in to the Get-Together hotel on Thursday evening, August 4th before the Get-Together. Rehearsal for the contest will be on Friday at a time to be designated. Contestants will be paired up in room assignments as determined by the Fraternal Dept.

The new Miss National CSA will receive invitations from various lodges for events. She is expected to attend as many as her schedule allows. Her transportation costs and lodging will be covered by Home Office. The cost of the event attended is the responsibility of the lodge. Also, a representative of the lodge will be available for assistance if needed.

She will be expected to write an article for the Journal every month on topics of her choice. Lastly, she will participate in the crowning of the new Miss National CSA at next year's Get-Together.

Judges

The judging will be conducted by a panel of three judges. To assist them, the judges will receive complete copies of the entry forms submitted by each contestant, for review prior to the national contest. Therefore, please type or print legibly in black ink.

Scoring

For the purpose of keeping score, the Judges will be provided with tally sheets. Contestants will be judged on the following criteria and receive up to the maximum points in each category as follows:

Presentation (Charm, Poise, Personality)	50 points
Intelligence - Conversational Ability	40 points
Physical attractiveness	30 points
Oral Presentation	30 points
Character	25 points
Fashion Sense	25 points

Total maximum points	200 points

Upon the conclusion of the contest, the judges will tabulate the scores of each contestant. The contestant receiving the highest (combined) score will be adjudged the winner, to be announced on Saturday evening. The judges shall select only one winner and one runner-up, the latter of which will not be announced.

Conduct

Contestants will be expected to behave in an appropriate manner during the Get-Together weekend. Maturity and good character will be expected from all participants. A Code of Conduct will be distributed and signed by each young lady at the Get-Together. If you are of age, we request that you not consume alcoholic beverages until after the coronation banquet on Saturday evening. Please remember, you are representing CSA and your lodge.

Remuneration

Spending Allowance: Each contestant will receive a \$150 spending allowance, a sash indicating her Lodge name, and flowers for the event.

Miss National CSA receives a tiara, a sash, a bouquet of roses, and a prize of \$2,000.00. Her coronation photo will appear on the cover of *the Journal* along with a large photo in the reception area of CSA's Home Office. Her expenses will be paid for her to attend next year's Get -Together to crown her successor.

Miss Congeniality

Contestants will select from among themselves a Miss Congeniality who receives a special award of \$100.00.

Family: The cost of the Get-Together Registration and 3 nights lodging (shared double occupancy room) will be paid for 2 of the contestants' family members.

Contest Photography

Each contestant will receive a selection of photos from the event. Family and friends are encouraged to take photos as well.

Expenses:

Transportation: CSA will pay transportation costs to and from the Get-Together. Contestants may fly or drive to the event. Mileage will be paid at 54 cents per mile. Mileage reimbursement cannot exceed the cost of round trip air fare.

Transportation while at the Get-Together will be provided or reimbursed.

Registration: Expenses for meal tickets for the Hospitality Suite, Friday and Saturday night banquets and the Sunday Brunch service will be paid for each contestant.

Lodging: Lodging for each contestant will be paid by CSA. Two contestants will share a room.

Social Activity: If a social activity is planned for Saturday afternoon, expenses will be paid for contestants to attend.

Second-time Contestants: All of the above costs will be covered at 100%, the same as first-time contestants.

Departure: You are free to make arrangements/reservations to return home after close of the Get-Together on Noon, August 7th.

Amanda Lovell, *Fraternal Director*, can answer any questions or concerns.

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