

Eligibility

Please read this section carefully, as certain stipulations from previous years have changed.

NEW: Eligible to participate are single girls – who are not less than 18 and not more than 25 years of age by the date of the contest – and in good standing as members of the Czechoslovak Society of America for a minimum of one year at the time of entry. Previous contestants who have not been selected as Miss National CSA may enter an additional time. **There is no limit to how many times you can run.** During the contest, contestants will compete in the same order in which completed forms were received at the Home Office.

Appearances

For the Friday night contest, contestants will appear in numerical order, twice, 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 answer questions by the judges that either:

- a) pertain to personal aspects of their applications or speeches, or
- b) come from a “fishbowl” of prepared, generic prompts that are chosen at random.

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 participate in a Service Project, usually held on Friday morning of the Get-Together.

Wardrobe

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| Friday Service Project: | Jeans and CSA T-shirt (provided) |
| Friday Hospitality Suite: | Casual clothes and Sash (no jeans) |
| Friday Night: | 1 st Appearance; Dinner with judges: Professional business attire
2 nd Appearance before judges: Semi-formal dress |
| Saturday afternoon: | Casual attire (no jeans) |
| Saturday Evening: | Coronation: Formal gown |
| Sunday Brunch: | Business attire or summer dress or skirt/blouse |

During your free-time (though we do understand the high temperatures during summertime) please keep attire conservative: no midriff tops, short shorts, or ripped jeans. Remember, you will be representing CSA, your Lodge, and your family. We advise you to not wear flip-flops (for your safety), though sandals are ok. The sash provided to you should be worn at all events including the Hospitality Suite, Service Project, Friday and Saturday night events, and the Sunday Brunch service.

Photos

Contestants need to provide at least 2 current adult photos and at least 5 photos of herself as a child. A brochure will be provided at the Miss National CSA Contest to introduce each contestant. High-resolution photos are appreciated. Photos may be emailed as an attachment to alovell@csalife.com. Photos may also be mailed to: The Czechoslovak Society of America
Attn: 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 before the Get-Together. Rehearsal for the contest will be on Friday at a designated time. You will be notified. Contestants will be paired up in room assignments as determined by the Fraternal Dept.

The new Miss National CSA will receive event invitations from various Lodges nationwide. She is expected to attend as many as her schedule allows. Her transportation costs and lodging will be covered by the 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. Prior to the contest, the judges will receive copies of the completed entry forms submitted by each contestant. This information will assist them in choosing their winner. 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, Flair)	10 points
Intelligence / Conversational Ability	15 points
Oral Presentation / Voice Projection	15 points
Content of Introduction / Speech	30 points
Answers to Questions	30 points

Total maximum points	100 points
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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.

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 contestant 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 gift card that may be used during her time at the Get-Together, a sash indicating her Lodge name, and flowers for the event. The cost of gowns, attire, shoes, makeup, etc. are not reimbursed by CSA.

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. The expenses for her to attend next year's Get-Together to crown her successor will be paid for by the Czechoslovak Society of America.

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 by the Czechoslovak Society of America 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; hotel parking fees and tolls will be reimbursed. Mileage will be paid at \$0.545 per mile. *Mileage reimbursement cannot exceed the cost of round-trip air fare.* Transportation during the Get-Together weekend will be provided when applicable, or reimbursed, except during contestants' free time; e.g., after pageant night and coronation have ended.

Registration: Contestants' expenses for meal tickets for the Hospitality Suite, Friday and Saturday night banquets, and the Sunday Brunch service will be paid for by CSA.

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 Sunday at noon.

Amanda Lovell, *Fraternal Director*, can answer any questions or concerns: alovell@csalife.com

Your applications may be mailed, emailed, or faxed to us. We look forward to meeting you!

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Miss National CSA Contest
Official Application
DEADLINE: JUNE 12TH

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Current Address: _____

I am a member of Lodge _____ No. _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Hair Color: _____ Eye Color: _____ Height: _____

Explain, in detail, your activities as a member of CSA: _____

Give a short explanation of your goals in life: _____

If you're currently employed, tell us where you work: _____

What do you do there? _____

If you're currently a student, tell us what school you attend: _____

Where is it located? _____

What is your major? _____

What is your intended occupation? _____

Miss National CSA Contest Application

Tell us about your family.

Father's Name: _____ CSA Member? ☐Yes ☐No

Mother's Maiden Name: _____ CSA Member? ☐Yes ☐No

Family Address: _____

Family Contact Name and Phone Number: _____

Siblings:

Name: _____ Age: _____ Occupation/School: _____

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Tell us about any family history or information you'd like to share: _____

Miss National CSA Contest Application

Tell us about your education, activities, and interests.

High School: _____

College or University: _____

List your degrees or any honors you've received and the school that awarded them: _____

What activities have you participated in at school? _____

Tell us any other interesting information about your school years: _____

List any clubs or organizations you belong to now and any offices held: _____

What are your hobbies? _____

What musical instrument do you play, if any? _____

Miss National CSA Contest Application

Other than the information written in the preceding parts of this application, give us
a brief autobiography up to 250 words.

Miss National CSA Contest Application

Release

I hereby authorize the Fraternal Department of CSA to use the information contained in this Entry Application, as well as the pictures submitted with it, for the purposes of publicity in the CSA Journal and other newspapers or media.

Signature of Contestant

Permanent Address

Date

Attention Contestants:

Please check this application very carefully to make certain that all information has been properly submitted.

Contestants need to provide at least 2 current adult photos and at least 5 photos of herself as a child.

Sign and return this application to CSA's Fraternal Department by mail, email, or fax.

Thank you and good luck!

