



2009 Pageant

Saturday, October 31 • 2 p.m.
Miller Park in Temple, Texas
1919 North Third Street
2009 Czech Feszt Pageant Rules

GENERAL INFORMATION

The pageant will be held on Saturday, October 31, 2009, at 2 p.m. at Miller Park in conjunction with Czech Feszt. All contestants are asked to check-in to obtain final instructions, contestant numbers, and participation prizes between 1 and 1:30 p.m. at the Pageant Registration Tent. The outdoor pageant will begin promptly at 2 p.m.

ELIGIBILITY

Contest is open to all females, ages 5 to 25, and all males, ages 5 to 10, by October 31, 2009. Contestants must be single, never married, never pregnant or a parent, or convicted of a crime. All contestants must be United States citizens and must have interest in Czech heritage/culture.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRY

Deadline for entries is Wednesday, October 28, 2009, at 12 noon. All contestants who return entry forms and payments prior to Wednesday, October 28, 2009, at 12 noon will receive participation awards. Entry forms will not be accepted without payment. Entry forms must be either mailed or hand carried to:

Mailing Address:

Czech Feszt 2009 Pageant
c/o SPJST Home Office
Attention: Melanie
PO Box 100
Temple, Texas 76503

Physical Address:

SPJST Home Office
Attention: Melanie
520 North Main Street
Temple, Texas 76501

You may call (254) 534-0807 to verify entry form has been received.

OBLIGATION

Contestants agree to abide by all of the rules of the contest. Good sportsmanship is a must by the contestant, their guests and families. All selected title winners will be asked to serve as official ambassadors of Czech Feszt. Winners will be asked to participate in events throughout the year promoting the 2010 Czech Feszt. Should the winner be unable to fulfill his/her duties, the first runner-up will be asked to fill in for him/her.

CATEGORIES AND ENTRY FEES

The entry fee is \$10 per contestant. Categories are:

Ages 5 to 10	Little Mister and Little Miss
Ages 11 to 15	Junior Miss
Ages 16 to 25	Miss

All entry fees benefit the Czech Heritage Museum and Genealogy Center.

ATTIRE

Pageant attire is Czech-themed. Pageant/formal attire is not permitted. Attire must be age appropriate and in good taste. All contestants must look their age in both makeup and attire.

JUDGING

All contestants will enter the stage and follow the numbers on the stage. All contestants will briefly chat with the Master of Ceremonies and answer a question from the information they submit on the entry form.

Judges will score contestants in the following areas:

- Appearance - style, fit and color, eyes, hair, overall grooming
- Personality - eye contact, smile, radiance, charm
- Presentation - poise, posture, smoothness, comfort and confidence on stage
- Interview - ability to answer question, overall response to question

All judges' decisions are final.

REFUNDS

There will be no refunds of entry fees unless the pageant is canceled.

AWARDS

Awards will be presented following pageant judging and score tabulation in the following categories:

- Little Mister Czech Feszt 2009 and Little Miss Czech Feszt 2009*
title winners, first runners-up
- Junior Miss Czech Feszt 2009*
title winner, first runner-up
- Miss Czech Feszt 2009*
title winner, first runner-up

Title Winners - trophy, crown, sash
First Runners-Up - ribbon

All contestants will receive participation prizes if their entry forms and fees are submitted no later than Wednesday, October 28, 2009, at 12 noon.

CONTACT

For additional information or questions, please contact Melanie Zavodny at (254) 534-0807 or email melaniez@vvm.com.

How do you think you can promote Czech heritage/culture?

In 100 words or less, why would you like to be crowned one of the 2009 Czech Feszt representatives?

I have read and understand the rules and regulations of the 2009 Czech Feszt Pageant. I agree to maintain good sportsmanship and accept the judges' decision as final and agree not to hold the Czech Feszt, City of Temple, Czech Heritage Museum, SPJST, or any representatives liable for any damages, including lost or stolen items, that may occur before, during or after the pageant or in route to or from said pageant. I further agree that by signing this agreement, I hereby grant the Czech Feszt and its representatives editorial, trade, and advertising rights to use and publish photographs in which I may be included, for editorial, trade, advertising and any other purpose and in any manner or media. I hereby release Czech Feszt and its representatives from all claims and liabilities relating to said photography.

Contestant's Signature

Parent/Guardian's Signature (if under 18 years of age)

Entry Fee: \$10 per contestant. Make checks payable to Czech Heritage Museum.
Entry fee and form must be received by Wednesday, October 28, 2009, at 12 noon. No late entries accepted.

Return entry fee and form to:
2009 Czech Feszt Pageant
c/o SPJST *Vestnik* Editor Melanie Zavodny
P.O. Box 100 • Temple, Texas 76503

For questions or additional information:
(254) 534-0807 or (254) 773-1575 • Email: melaniez@vvm.com