Czhilispiel 51 Scholarship Pageant Rules

Miss Czhilispiel & Junior Miss Czhilispiel

**Please return this APPLICATION with your PICTURE and CHECK to the Flatonia Chamber of Commerce Office. Application will not be accepted otherwise.**

**Parade Requirement: Each member of the court must ride in at least 13 parades and do 2 service projects as a court.**

1. The Czhilispiel Scholarship Pageant will take place at the Flatonia ISD Cafetorium on **Saturday, October 14th, 2023, and will begin at 5:00 p.m.**
2. The Junior Miss Czhilispiel contestants must be born a **FEMALE** and between the ages of 12 to 14 years old on or before September 1, 2023.
3. The Miss Czhilispiel contestants must be born a **FEMALE** and between the ages of 15 to 19 years old on or before September 1, 2023.
4. **Deadline for entering the scholarship pageant is Wednesday September 6th, 2023, at 6:00.** All applications must be submitted to The Flatonia Chamber of Commerce office. **No applications will be accepted by fax, e-mail, or regular mail.**
5. A **4 x 6 color photo** turned in **with** application is required for consideration in the “Most Photogenic” category. No other size photo will be judged. The color photo may be a regular snapshot or professional photo. **The color photo must accompany the application and are due to the Flatonia Chamber of Commerce office by Wednesday September 6th, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.** 
   1. On the back of each picture, please write: 1) the contestant’s name, 2) age of contestant on pageant date, and 3) the age group of competitors (Miss or Junior Miss).
   2. If a 4 x 6 color photo does not accompany the application, the contestant will not be judged for “Most Photogenic” or have their picture submitted to the local newspaper.
6. A **$60.00** non-refundable entry fee will be required of each Miss and Junior Miss Czhilispiel contestant and is due at the time of application submission. **A business or organization must sponsor each Miss and Junior Miss Czhilispiel contestant.**  The contestant is responsible for obtaining a sponsor.
7. It is the sole responsibility of **Miss Czhilispiel’s parents/guardians** to **provide a vehicle** to pull the Czhilispiel Float at all parades. This is a **mandatory requirement** for the Queen’s parents and/or guardians and there will be no exceptions! Also, the drivers of the vehicle that will pull the float must have a valid Driver’s License, must provide the Chamber with proof of being an insured driver, and must not have any legal lability issues and/or ongoing investigations that will compromise the safety of the other children riding the float.
   1. There is a $400 gas allowance provided by the Chamber at the end of the year after the parade requirements are met. A detailed travel log must be turned in to the Chamber office to be reimbursed for the allowance.
8. The contestant must live in or attend the Flatonia Independent School District FULL TIME. A contestant that lives with a parent or guardian within the FISD only part-time IS NOT eligible to run for the Czhilispiel Court.
9. Contestants must be of good moral character in and/or away from school, extracurricular activities, and community activities. **Good Moral Character** refers to a personal history of honesty, fairness, good behavior in public, respect for the rights of others, and for state and federal law. Contestants must not have a history of legal trouble, which includes being on probation for any involvement in mischievous activities issued by the school and/or law enforcement. **Note: The Flatonia Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors reserves the right to evaluate and/or question any contestant, along with her parents and/or guardians, about any behavioral concerns after the pageant application is received. Any false information provided on this application will result in immediate disqualification of the contestant**
10. Contestants must not be, or never have been married. If Miss or Junior Miss Czhilispiel should become married, pregnant, or move out of the Flatonia Independent School District during their reign, they will be obligated to terminate their position and the 1st Runner-up will take the position at that time. If Miss Czhilispiel is a senior during her term, she is allowed to move away after graduation, but must return to attend the remaining Summer & Fall parades in order to fulfill her 9 parades requirement.
11. Contestants must not have unnatural colored hair such as bright red, blue, green, etc. Piercings are limited to the ears, cannot be gauges, and no visible tattoos; permanent or temporary.
12. A panel of out-of-town judges will do all judging and tabulation of scores. Judges decisions are final. All score sheets are confidential, will not be discussed or reviewed after the pageant, and are destroyed by the judges the night of the pageant.
13. The judging of contestants will be based on the following:
    1. Private Interview – Contestants will meet and talk with judges individually. Scores will be based on poise, personality, and age appropriate appearance.
    2. Evening Gowns during the pageant – Contestants may wear a floor length, knee length, or tea length dress. **Dresses/gowns should be “age appropriate” for contestants, AND SHOULD NOT HAVE PLUNGING NECKLINES, COMPLETELY EXPOSED BACKS, BE TO REVEALING ON THE SIDES, AND/OR NO HIGH LEG SLITS ABOVE THE KNEE. You will be judged accordingly.**
14. **Private interviews with the pageant judges will take place at the Civic Center, with the first interview starting at approximately NOON the day of the pageant.** Please arrive 10 minutes before your interview.Outfits can be casual and age appropriate for the contestant. (Your Sunday best) Any face make-up should also be age appropriate as well.
15. Parents and legal guardians may not stay with their children backstage during rehearsal times or during the pageant. Someone will be there to assist your child during rehearsal and pageant.
16. Awards will be presented as follows:
    1. Miss Czhilispiel will receive a $1,200.00 scholarship, crown, crown pin, trophy, and sash.
    2. Miss Czhilispiel 1st Runner-Up will receive a $200.00 scholarship and a sash.
    3. Miss Czhilispiel 2nd Runner-Up will receive a $100.00 scholarship and a sash.
    4. Junior Miss Czhilispiel will receive a $750.00 scholarship, crown, crown pin, trophy, and sash.
    5. Junior Miss Czhilispiel 1st Runner-Up will receive a $100.00 scholarship and a sash.
    6. Junior Miss Czhilispiel 2nd Runner-Up will receive a sash.
    7. **NOTE: All of the above mentioned Scholarship Money will be paid out in the form of Cashier’s Checks in the month of May during the recipient’s Senior Year in High School. There will be no exceptions to these payments, i.e. no early payments.**
    8. Fellow contestants will choose Miss and Junior Miss Congeniality winners. Each contestant will vote in her own age group. There is an award of a sash for this category. Congeniality winners do not ride the float.
    9. Only winners are required to ride on the float in the Czhilispiel parade on Sunday, October 29th, 2023.
    10. The parade will begin at 12:00 p.m. (noon) therefore the winners should be at the float location no later than 11:00 a.m.
    11. The pageant judges will choose Miss and Junior Miss Most Photogenic winners. There is an award of a sash for this category. Photogenic winners do not ride the float.
17. Any pageant 1st Place winners, with the exception of winning “Most Photogenic” and “Miss Congeniality”, cannot run again in the following year, regardless of a different age group.
    1. Example: A Young Miss Czhilispiel winner will not be allowed to run again the following year for Junior Miss, even though it will be for the different age group. ALL 1st Place winners must sit out one full year before trying out again.
18. Each winner must always represent Flatonia, throughout their annual term, in a manner that reflects well on the Chamber and the City of Flatonia. Each winner must continue to be of good moral character for the entire year in and/or away from school, extracurricular activities, and community activities. **Good Moral Character** refers to a personal history of honesty, fairness, good behavior in public, respect for the rights of others, and for state and federal law. Winners must remain in good standing with the school district, and local, state & federal law enforcement; which includes being on probation for any involvement in mischievous activities issued by the school and/or law enforcement. **Note: The Flatonia Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors reserve the right to evaluate and question any behavioral concerns, based on facts, of the winners at any time during their annual term, and will, if necessary, by a majority vote terminate the winner of her position and she will relinquish her crown.**
19. The winners must also participate in various events throughout the year arranged by the Chamber, such as “Christmas in Flatonia”, and only Miss CZ & Jr. Miss CZ are required to attend the Chamber’s “Annual Membership Mixer” held each January.
20. **Czhilispiel weekend** - The Court will be given a List of Events with approximate times prior to Czhilispiel weekend that each member of the Court needs to be at for photos and to represent Czhilispiel during the weekend event. Czhilispiel is a 3 day event and by signing the rules to run in any age group the contestant (with accompanying parent and/or guardian) are agreeing to be at the entire Czhilispiel Festival as requested by the Chamber.
21. The Flatonia Chamber of Commerce will pay for two car magnets for each of the 1st Place age group winners. The cost of the optional yard signs will be the responsibility of the winners, if they choose to order them.
22. The Flatonia Chamber of Commerce will NOT pay to replace or repair a crown, or any other awards. If a crown or other award must be replaced or repaired, it will be the responsibility of the winner to pay for the repair or replacement.
23. Each member of the current outgoing reigning court is required to help decorate for the following year’s pageant. On Friday, October 13th, the day before the Pageant, beginning as early as 2pm, **the entire outgoing court AND a parent** are required to meet at the cafetorium to finish up the stage decorating. (We understand that this is football season, but the decorating cannot be finished until this day.) This also includes the foyer of the cafetorium which is the sole responsibility of the outgoing court to decorate with their plaques, trophies & ribbons, and pictures from the past year’s parades and events. **No decorating allowance is provided for decorating the foyer.**

25. **All Runner-ups, Photogenic, and Congeniality winners are encouraged to also ride in the parade, but as a separate group. This parade entry needs to be organized by a parent from this group of winners. A list of all winners can be obtained by contacting the Pageant Director.**

The following is a List of Parades that the Chamber would like you to ride in. These specific parades were chosen so that Flatonia will be represented, to promote & advertise the Czhilispiel Event, and to encourage other towns to attend and participate in our Hometown Czhilispiel Parade. The remainder of the parades required may be selected by the court. If there are issues deciding on parades, Miss Czhilispiel should contact the Chamber and the Pageant Director for assistance. If the court, as a group, chooses to ride in more than the required parades, they must all agree and all participate. **The Czhilispiel Parades do not count towards your parade requirement.**

* Smithville Jamboree Parade April 2024
* TomTom Festival, Yoakum June 2024
* Luling Watermelon Thump Parade June 2024
* Muldoon 4th of July Parade July 4th 2024
* Moulton Jamboree Parade July 2024
* Schulenburg Festival Parade Aug 2024
* Kolache Festival, Hallettsville Sept 2024
* Fayette County Fair Parade Sept 2024
* Come And Take It Parade, Gonzales Oct 2024

For your outgoing parade at Czhilispiel you will need to find a vehicle to ride in a group or on your own. This is not mandatory but does look nice when everyone is involved.

**You can only wear your crown and sash at your Czhilispiel. Unless you are at your out going parade or there were arrangements made ahead of time with the pageant director.**

**Christmas Parades:**There is **NO allowance** for decorating the float for Christmas parades.

In the event that you cannot be at a parade, it is your responsibility to call the runner-ups to see if they can fill in for you. You then need to let Miss Czhilispiel know the arrangements that have been made so that she can make sure the runner-ups know where to be, what to wear, and times. You will need to make plans to make up any missed parades as each member of the Court is required to attend a minimum of 13 parades. **If the court, as a group, chooses to ride in more than the 13 required parades, they must all agree and all participate.**

If any member of the court does not ride in at least the required 13 parades prior to the pageant the following year, they will **NOT** receive the Scholarship Check for that year. If you are making up a parade on your own, you will need to find a vehicle and ask Miss Czhilispiel for your magnets for the parade so that you can put them on your vehicle. It is Miss Czhilispiel’s responsibility to keep a log of who rides in which parades so you will need to notify her of any that you ride in so she can add them to your name on her log. If there are any questions about this, contact the Chamber or Pageant Director.

It will be the responsibility of Miss and Junior Miss Czhilispiel winners to contact their court in case they cannot attend a parade 1st Runners-Up will then ride the float.

**\*\*It will be Miss Czhilispiel’s responsibility to notify the other court members of each up-coming parade, or other activity, at least 2 weeks prior to the event to discuss what to wear & what time to meet. However, everyone should already have a Parade Schedule to follow. \*\***

Dress code on the float for Miss and Junior Miss during parades will be as follows:

The chosen gown color is the decision of Miss Czhilispiel (**choices are: apple red, Kelly green, or canary yellow).** Miss CZ will choose the color of the gowns to be worn at the parades at the Sunday meeting after pageant clean-up. Each girl has until 12/1/23 to purchase her parade gown.

Also, the Court is required to provide a color photo of them as a group in a jpeg or pdf format to the Chamber by the end of March 2024. This photo **does not** have to be taken by a “professional photographer”. The Chamber will use this group picture on the website.

**Parade Etiquette:** Failure to follow these guidelines will be addressed by the Pageant Director and/or the Chamber if necessary.

* Everyone on the float must wear the selected and approved color of dress chosen by Miss Czhilispiel at each Parade beginning March 1 2024. The only exception to the rule is if a Runner-Up is filling in for a parade.
* Hair style for parades and events will be left up to each individual girl, and not be dictated by Miss Czhilispiel, but hair should be clean and fixed nicely.
* Make-up should be appropriate for the age of the young lady.
* Jewelry should be age appropriate and blend with the dress.
* Shoes should also blend with the dress. Dress shoes only!
* Sunglasses should not be worn on the float during judging or while the float is moving. NO Exceptions!!!
* No Electronic Devices are allowed on the float during judging or while the float is moving.
* The only item the Court is allowed to have sitting on the floor of the float during judging, or while the float is moving, is a water bottle.
* While the Court is on the float; smiling, waving, and thanking people is appropriate. Remember you are being watched at all times and are a direct representation of Flatonia and the Chamber of Commerce. It is not appropriate to yell or make other comments at passersby for any reason.
* NO gum is allowed on the float during judging or while the float is moving.
* The Chamber requires each member of the Court to have a parent/guardian with them at each Parade and/or Event that they participate in. Due to liability reasons, NO EXCEPTION to this rule will be made.
* Additionally, **ALL FLOAT PARTICIPANTS** of a parade are required to help with the setting- up and tearing down of the float before and after a parade. NO EXCEPTIONS. As well as, one parent of each float rider must be present at all parades to take responsibility for their child.

**The 2023-2024 newly Crowned 1st Place Winners, and at least 1 parent each, will be expected to help clean up from the pageant at 1:00pm on Sunday, October 15th, 2023.**

**Immediately following the clean-up there will also be a mandatory meeting held at the FISD Cafetorium. Each 1st Place winner of the Court, and at least 1 parent each, need to be at this meeting to take notes, and prepare for upcoming events. Runner-Ups, Most Photogenic & Miss Congeniality winners DO NOT attend this meeting.**

If you have any questions, please contact: Nikki Ponewash 512-799-8627

Ashley Beeman 830-660-6106

Name of contestant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

As parent(s)/guardian(s) of the above child, I/we hereby acknowledge the I/we have read the rules, that all information given is correct and that I/we agree on the conditions outlined. I am aware that a parent or guardian must be with my child at every event in its entirety. I understand that if a parent or guardian is not able to attend an event in its entirety with my child, that child will not be allowed to participate in that event and, if it is a required parade, it must be made up. Therefore, I/we give permission for my/our child, listed above, to participate in the 2023 Czhilispiel Scholarship Pageant.

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Signature of contestant:

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Signature(s) of Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

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Miss Czhilispiel and Junior Miss Czhilispiel

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***Please print clearly in black ink.*** Circle one Category:

***Miss. Czhilispiel Jr. Miss Czhilispiel***

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2023 Pageant Liability Release Form

Pageant contestants and/or parents or guardians shall hold harmless the Flatonia Chamber of Commerce, Czhilispiel Committee, Czhilispiel Pageant Committee, or any of their employees, agents, or volunteers from any liability resulting from any acts, negligence, or any other circumstances normally associated with the Czhilispiel Scholarship Pageant, parades, or any other duties performed by the pageant contestants or the winning Czhilispiel Court.

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Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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