

MISS KOLACHE FESTIVAL GUIDELINES

CALDWELL KOLACHE FESTIVAL, SECOND SATURDAY IN SEPTEMBER

ELIGIBILITY (Applicants must meet all of the following requirements)

1. Must be between the ages of **17-25** and a resident of Burleson County.
2. Must be single.
3. Must be of Czech descent (50% Czech) and an active member of at least one Czech fraternal or service organization, such as but not limited to, SPJST, Texas Czech Heritage Society or the Burleson County Czech Heritage Museum.
4. Must be enrolled in a state or private university (2 year or 4 year) or technical school.
5. Must not be pregnant or have given birth.
6. Must not have been convicted of any felony or treated for the use or abuse of drugs or alcohol.

COMPETITION

1. Contestants will turn in a typed essay of 500 words or less on the topic: Preserving and Promoting Czech Heritage. The introductory paragraph of the essay must contain contestants name, address, birth date, name of school or college they are currently enrolled in and Czech descent information such as, but not limited to, parents, grandparents and great grandparents. The village of family origin in the Czech Republic, if known, can be included, but is not required. Essays must be turned in by **August 22, 2025 by 4:00 p.m.** at the Burleson County Chamber of Commerce – Caldwell office. Late essays will not be accepted.
2. Czech kroj(costume) is required at the presentation at the opening ceremonies.
3. Winner will be announced at the opening ceremonies of the Kolache Festival.
4. Winner will receive a **\$500** scholarship; payable after proof of enrollment in a college or technical school is submitted.

WINNER RESPONSIBILITIES

The winner must be present at 9:00 a.m. for the opening ceremonies of the Kolache Festival, wearing their Czech kroj, and stay at the festival throughout the day to visit the various venues, car show, antique equipment show, quilt show and to be present during the awards ceremony for the Kolache Bake Show. The winner must be prepared to represent the festival at other various Czech related events throughout the year. Possible appearances to include: Burleson County Fair Parade, Czech Heritage/Cultural events in La Grange, Temple, West and other possible Central Texas events. Winner is responsible for providing transportation to these events and will receive a travel reimbursement when traveling over 25 miles to an event to promote the Caldwell Kolache Festival. Winner is also responsible for arranging their own car, truck or float for the Burleson County Fair Parade.