

Transsexual contestant disqualified from Miss Universe Canada

I. Read the text and answer the questions.



Transsexual Contestant Disqualified from Miss Universe Canada.

Ms. Talackova has been **disqualified** from the Miss Universe Canada contest solely for **being transgender**. This is **discriminatory, unjust**, and quite frankly **disgusting**.

She is a **woman** and **deserves to be treated as any other woman would be**. The petition is to get her reinstated as a contestant, since she was unfairly disqualified.

"She's **blond** and has the **body of a goddess**".

Vancouver's Jenna Talackova was everything Miss Universe Canada was looking for when she was selected among **65 finalists** for the 2012 competition, to be held in Toronto in May. But the Donald Trump-owned beauty pageant confirmed Friday that the 23-year-old has been disqualified from the competition.

But Talackova has made statements online over Twitter about being "**disqualified for being born.**" "**Still waiting to know if I'm able to compete ... praying and fingers crossed,**" she tweeted that day.

Two days later, she got the news. "**I'm disqualified, however I'm not giving up,**" she wrote, defiantly. "I'm not going to just let them disqualify me over **discrimination.**"

Miss Universe Canada contestants must meet a basic requirement of being a **Canadian citizen** and between the **ages of 18 and 27** to compete. They also must **not be married, pregnant**, and have to fill out a more comprehensive form if they meet the basic requirements. **There is no mention of rules regarding sex-changes or cosmetic surgery.**

<http://www.change.org/petitions/miss-universe-canada-donald-trump-reverse-the-unfair-disqualification-of-jenna-talackova>

Key vocabulary

Nouns	Adverbs	Adjectives	Verbs	Prepositions
Contest – Concurso	Solely – Únicamente	Disqualified- Descalificado	Deserve – Merecer	Despite – A pesar de
Transgender –	Quite – Bastante	Unjust – Injusto	Have / Has – Tener	Between – Entre
Transsexual	Frankly–Fracamente	Disgusted - Repugnante	Hold* - Celebrar	And – Y
Woman - Mujer	As - Como	Treated – Tratado (a)	Claim – Reclamar	Since - Desde
Body - Cuerpo	Goodness – Divinidad	Blond – Rubia	Make – Hacer	Expressions
Statement – Declaración	Otherwise – De otra manera	Married – Casado (a)	Pray – Orar	That way – De ese modo
Surgery – Cirugía	Able – capaz	Pregnant– Embarazada	Regard – Considerar	Giving up – Darse por vencido / Renunciar
Story – Historia	Extremely – Extremadamente	Beautiful - Hermosa	Born – Nacer	
Rights – Derechos	Too* - También		Allow - Permitir	
Life – Vida	Legally - Legalmente			
Rights - Derechos				

- What is about the article? It's about a beautiful girl. It's about a lesbian. It's about the disqualification in a beauty contest.
- Is Jenna Talackova a woman? Yes, she is. No, she's not.
- Which ones were the requirement for Miss Universe Canada 2012?
 Being a Canadian citizen. Not be married. Age: 18 to 27. Being woman.
- Do you agree with transgender people participating in beauty contests? Yes, I agree. No, I don't agree.

II. Complete the sentences in order to make an opinion.

- "Ms. Talackova is beautiful and... 1. () physically a woman"
- "Jenna Talackova is a beautiful woman, but she was not born... 2. () inspiring story"
- "Transgender people have... 3. () allowed to compete"
- "She is a woman and has been living her life as a female since age 4. She should be ... 4. () rights too! Go Jenna!"
- "She's a woman...this isn't complicated. It's an ... 5. () that way"

III. What's your opinion about the disqualification of Jenna Talackova? Write 2 opinions. Use "In my opinion" and "I think that".

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