2016 Sun Court

Application

Rooted in a tradition that has endured seven decades, the Sun Court competition dates back to 1935 when organizers planned the event as a companion to the first Sun Bowl game. Today the coronation and other Sun Bowl events offer a unique opportunity for young women of El Paso to promote their city, to volunteer as community ambassadors and to be recognized as bright, young civic leaders.

From those early beginnings the Coronation has grown and matured, with the field of entrants increasing steadily and representing an ever-broader cross-section of the El Paso community and surrounding areas. Today the competition is open to all young women, and contestants are judged on their poise, communication skills, knowledge and intelligence. The participants must be full time students at a college or university and in good academic standing.

The coronation will be held in the summer to have the Queen and her court available for activities that include the:

**Must Attend Events**

Western Refining College All-America Golf Classic • FirstLight Federal Credit Union Sun Bowl Parade • WestStar Bank Don Haskins Sun Bowl Invitational • Sun Bowl Fan Fiesta • Hyundai Sun Bowl Game • Price’s Give ‘Em Five Sun Bowl Punt, Pass & Kick • Sun Bowl Art Exhibit • Helen of Troy Charm Camp • Academy Sports + Outdoors Sun Bowl International Soccer Tournament

Dates to keep in mind for few events already scheduled: August 5 (Sun Court Coronation) Nov. 10-13 (golf tournament), Nov. 24 (parade), Dec. 21-22 (basketball tournament); Dec. 26-30 (bowl week)

Eligibility and Rules

 ***All Sun Princess applicants must fit these criteria in order to be eligible.***

 **•A female ages 18-22 (as of Sept. 1) and have completed one year of college**

 **•Have not been married and have not had any children**

 **•Must be enrolled as a full-time student taking a minimum of 12 academic hours or full time in a graduate program**

 **•A cumulative grade point average of at least a 2.5 on a 4.0 scale (Transcript must accompany application)**

 **•Sun Princesses may not hold any other title during the time they are members of the Sun Court.**

 **•Responsible for their own transportation costs to attend mandatory events.**

Judging is based on communication and interpersonal skills, ability to demonstrate knowledge of the Sun Bowl and El Paso, poise, appearance and personality. The Sun Queen and Court are required to participate in all mandatory events for the 2016 Sun Bowl Association. Special appearances are also required at other times during the year. The Sun Court is required to serve at least 20 volunteer hours for a non-profit organization. The Sun Queen and Court are responsible for their own transportation to Sun Bowl Association functions. Previous Sun Court members are ineligible for any future Sun Court competition. Decisions of the judges are final. If a member of the Sun Court is, for any reason, disqualified or is unable to fulfil her obligations, the Board of Directors of the Sun Bowl Association may select a replacement to complete the term of the disqualified member.

***\*\*\*To apply please submit: Official application, an official transcript, a professional resume, a color head shot (not larger than 5x7), and an essay (500 words or less) telling us about yourself to include school activities and awards, community involvement, employment and why you want to be a sun princess. This information will be used in press releases. Please email your application to emorelos@sunbowl.org.\*\*\****

Deadline

The deadline to submit an application is June 17, 2016 and all interviews will be held on July 9, 2016 beginning at 9 a.m. The number of applicants will determine the number of interviews necessary to select the 2016 Sun Princesses. The applicant will be notified of the interview schedule after the application deadline. Questions? Please call: Eddie Morelos at (915) 533-4416 ext. 205 or email him at emorelos@sunbowl.org.

Frequently Asked Questions

• **Is there any cost or entry fee?**

 No, there is no cost to submit your application. However if selected you are responsible for your own transportation costs to attend mandatory events. (The Sun Bowl Association knows that this can be expensive and will give plenty of notice so best arrangements can be made).

 Purchase of some clothing items may be required.

**• Will I be judged on my looks?**

 No, this is not a beauty competition. Judging will be based on communication and interpersonal skills, ability to demonstrate knowledge of the Sun Bowl, El Paso, poise, personality, and how you present yourself.

**• What should I wear at the interview?**

 Wear something you feel comfortable in, yet professional. Many applicants have worn, slacks, dresses, skirts, business attire type of outfits.

 Keep in mind that even though you are not judged on your looks, you are judged on appearance.

**• Who are the judges?**

 The judges are community members who have a broad knowledge of the Sun Bowl Association, the community, and Sun Court.

If selected, 2016 applicants will serve as Sun Princesses and will be eligible for the Sun Queen competition in the year 2017. The 2016 Sun Queen will be selected from the 2015 Sun Princesses. The 2016 Sun Queen and Princesses will be announced at the 2016 Sun Court Coronation on Friday, Aug. 5. **Sun Court Orientation on Friday, Aug. 5 from 9am-12pm at the Sun Bowl Association office. A photo session and coronation will be held from 4-8pm at the El Paso Country Club.**

**2016 Sun Princess Official Application**

Name:

Current Age: Date of Birth:

Present Mailing Address

Street:

City: State: Zip:

Phone: Cell:

E-mail:

University/College:

Circle your 2016-2017 Classification: FR SO JR SR

Major:

Minor:

GPA: High School:

Parents Information

Father: Mother:

Address: Address:

City: State: Zip: City: State: Zip:

Phone: Phone:

I certify that the above information is true and correct and agree to allow the Sun Bowl Association the use of my photograph and application. I have read, and fully understand and agree to the rules and regulations regarding eligibility for the 2016 Sun Court.

Signature: Date: