Rooted in a tradition that has endured eight decades, the Sun Court competition dates 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, volunteer as community ambassadors, and 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. Contestants are judged on their appearance, poise, communication skills, and knowledge of the Sun Bowl Association and El Paso. The participants must be full-time students at a college or university and in good academic standing.

**\*\*MANDATORY EVENTS\*\* Please review your schedule before applying.**

**July 8** Sun Court Interviews – *Saturday*

**July 28** Sun Court Orientation – *Friday*

**July 28** Sun Court Coronation – *Friday*

**Aug. 18-20** Sun BowlFlag Football Tournament**-***Friday-Saturday*

**Oct. 10** Peter Piper PizzaPunt, Pass, & Kick – *Tuesday*

**Nov. 9** Sun Bowl Art Exhibit – *Thursday*

**Nov. 23** Glasheen, Valles, & Inderman, LLP Injury Lawyers Sun Bowl Thanksgiving Day Parade – *Thanksgiving* *Day*

**Dec. 20-21** WestStar Don Haskins Sun Bowl Invitational – *Wednesday, Thursday*

**Dec. 24-29** Week of Football Bowl Events – *Sunday-Friday*

**Dec. 28** Sun Bowl Fan Fiesta Presented by El Paso LIVE – *Thursday*

**Dec. 29** Tony the Tiger Sun Bowl Game – *Friday*

**July 4, 2024** Rotary Club 4th of July Parade *– Thursday*

\*\*Dates are subject to change

Attendance for all events is **MANDATORY**. Events may include major holidays such as Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day, New Year’s Eve, and New Year’s Day. An unexcused absence may result in removal from the Sun Court.

**Eligibility and Rules**

**All Sun Court applicants must fit the criteria in order to be eligible.**

* A female between the ages of 18-22 (as of Sept. 1) who has 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 2.5 on a 4.0 scale (Transcript must be included with application and can be sent electronically)
* Sun Princesses may not hold any other title during the time they are members of the Sun Court (i.e., Miss El Paso, Miss Texas, etc…)
* Responsible for their own transportation costs to attend mandatory events.

**\*\*\*Application/Submission Process\*\*\*** Official application, an unofficial transcript, a professional **one-page** resume, a color headshot no larger than 5x7, and an essay (**500 words or less**) telling us about yourself; 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** [**bolivas@sunbowl.org**](mailto:bolivas@sunbowl.org) **and** [**office@sunbowl.org**](mailto:office@sunbowl.org)

**Deadline**

The deadline to submit your application is Friday**, June 16, 2023, by 3 p.m.**

All interviews will be held on **Saturday, July 8** beginning at 9 a.m. The number of applicants will determine the number of interviews necessary to select the 2023 Sun Court. The applicant will be notified of their interview time after the application deadline.

Questions? Please call the Sun Bowl Association at (915) 533-4416 or email [office@sunbowl.org](mailto:office@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 will be required, with possible reimbursement.

**• 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?**

Many applicants have worn slacks, dresses, skirts, or business attire type of outfits. *Keep in mind that you are judged on appearance and presentation.*

**• Who are the judges?**

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

*The 2023 Sun Queen and Princesses will be announced at the 2023 Sun Court Coronation on Friday, July 28. If selected as a 2023 Sun Princesses, you will be eligible for the Sun Queen competition in the year 2024. The 2024 Sun Queen will be selected from the 2023 Sun Princesses based on performance during the Sun Bowl events for that year.*

**Sun Court Orientation will be held on Friday, July 28 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the Sun Bowl Association office, 4150 Pinnacle, Suite 100.**

**A photo session will be held from 4 – 6 p.m. at El Paso Country Club on Friday, August 5, before the coronation ceremony.**

Name:

Current Age: Date of Birth:

***Mailing Address***

Street:

City: State: Zip:

Cell phone number:

E-mail:

University/College:

Circle your 2023-2024 Classification: FR SO JR SR Graduate Student

Major:

Minor:

GPA: High School:

***Parents Information***

Father:

Phone:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Mother:

Phone:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

I certify that the above information is true and correct. I 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 2023 Sun Court.

**Signature: Date:**