

# 2024 Official Sun Court Application



Rooted in a tradition that has endured eight 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. 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 6 *	Sun Court Interviews – <i>Saturday</i>
Aug. 9 *	Sun Court Orientation – <i>Friday</i>
Aug. 9 *	Sun Court Coronation – <i>Friday</i>
Aug. 23-25 ^	Sun Bowl Flag Football Tournament – <i>Friday-Saturday</i>
Oct. 8 ^	Peter Piper Pizza Punt, Pass, & Kick – <i>Tuesday</i>
Nov. 7 ^	Sun Bowl Art Exhibit – <i>Thursday</i>
Nov. 28 *	Glasheen, Valles, & Inderman, LLP Injury Lawyers Sun Bowl Parade – <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>
Dec. 20-21 *	WestStar Don Haskins Sun Bowl Invitational – <i>Wednesday, Thursday</i>
Dec. 26-31 *	Week of Football Bowl Events – <i>Sunday-Friday</i>
Dec. 30 *	Sun Bowl Fan Fiesta Presented by El Paso LIVE – <i>Thursday</i>
Dec. 31 *	Tony the Tiger Sun Bowl Game – <i>Friday</i>
July 4, 2025	Rotary Club 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Parade

Dates are subject to change.

\* Mandatory Events-Unexcused absence may result in dismissal

^ Out of town students may be excused from attending these events

Attendance for all events is **MANDATORY**. Any absence must be approved by the Sun Court Chairman and Executive Director prior to the event. An unexcused absence may result in removal from the Sun Court.

## **Eligibility and Rules**

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

- A female between the ages of 18-22 (as of Sept. 1) and having 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 be included with application/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 head shot 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.*

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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 28, 2024, by 3 p.m.**

**All interviews will be held on Saturday, July 6 2024 beginning at 9 a.m.** The number of applicants will determine the number of interviews necessary to select the 2024 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 for those who qualify.

### • 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, or business attire type of outfits. *Keep in mind that you are judged on self-presentation.*

### • Who are the judges?

The judges are community members, 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.

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 2024 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.

*The 2024 Sun Queen and Princesses will be announced at the 2024 Sun Court Coronation on Friday, August 9. If selected as a 2024 Sun Princesses, you will be eligible for the Sun Queen competition in the year 2025. The 2025 Sun Queen will be selected from the 2024 Sun Princesses based on performance during the Sun Bowl events for that year.*

**Sun Court Orientation will be held on Friday, August 9, from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the Sun Bowl Association office, 4150 Pinnacle, Suite 100, El Paso, Texas, 79902**

**A photo session will be held from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. at El Paso Country Club on Friday, August 9, before the coronation ceremony.**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

## *Mailing Address*

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

University/College: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle your 2024-2025 Classification:      FR      SO      JR      SR      Graduate Student

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ High School: \_\_\_\_\_

## *Parents Information*

Father: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ 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 2024 Sun Court.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

