

# 2018 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 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.**

<b>Aug. 3</b>	Sun Court Orientation – <i>Friday</i>
<b>Aug. 4</b>	Sun Court Coronation – <i>Saturday</i>
<b>Oct. 10</b>	Punt, Pass, & Kick – (tentative event)
<b>Nov. 8</b>	Sun Bowl Art Exhibit – <i>Thursday</i>
<b>Nov. 17-20</b>	Andeavor All-America Golf Classic – <i>Saturday-Tuesday</i>
<b>Nov. 22</b>	FirstLight Federal Credit Union Sun Bowl Parade – <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>
<b>Dec. 19-22</b>	WestStar Bank Don Haskins Sun Bowl Invitational – <i>Thursday-Saturday</i>
<b>Dec. 26-31</b>	Week of Football Bowl Events – <i>Wednesday-Monday</i>
<b>Dec. 30</b> (tentative)	Sun Bowl Fan Fiesta Presented by El Paso LIVE – <i>Sunday</i>
<b>Dec. 31</b> (tentative)	Hyundai Sun Bowl Game – <i>Monday</i>
<b>TBD 2019</b>	Helen of Troy Charm Camp
<b>TBD 2019</b>	Sun Bowl International Soccer Tournament
<b>July 4, 2019</b>	Rotary Club 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Parade – <i>Sunday</i>

\*\*Dates are subject to change

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

## **Eligibility and Rules**

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

- A female between the ages of 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 be included with application)
- 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 official transcript, a professional 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.*

**Please email your application to Amber Herrera at [aherrera@sunbowl.org](mailto:aherrera@sunbowl.org)**

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## Deadline

The deadline to submit an application is Friday, **June 15, 2018**. **All interviews will be held on Saturday, July 7 beginning at 9 a.m.** The number of applicants will determine the number of interviews necessary to select the 2018 Sun Princesses. The applicant will be notified of the interview schedule after the application deadline.

Questions? Please call: Amber Herrera at (915) 533-4416 ext. 212 or email at [aherrera@sunbowl.org](mailto:aherrera@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?

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 and past Sun Court members who have a broad knowledge of the Sun Bowl Association, the community, and 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 2018 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 2018 Sun Queen and Princesses will be announced at the 2018 Sun Court Coronation on Saturday, August 4. If selected as a 2018 Sun Princesses, you will be eligible for the Sun Queen competition in the year 2019. The 2018 Sun Queen will be selected from the 2017 Sun Princesses based on performance during the Sun Bowl events for that year.*

*Sun Court Orientation will be held on Friday, August 3 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the Sun Bowl Association office.*

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

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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 2018-2019 Classification:      FR              SO              JR              SR

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 2018 Sun Court.

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