



History of the Sun Queen and Court

Coronation has been part of the Sun Bowl since the first-ever college Sun Bowl game was played in 1936. Coronation played a huge social role in the "Sun Carnival", the weeklong pageantry associated with the Sun Bowl.

According to the 1938 Sun Bowl game program, "The social side of the Sun Carnival centers around the Coronation of the Sun Queen with Ladies-In-Waiting and her Royal Court of Princesses from all the cities of the Sun Empire and the Grand Ball tendered by the Association in honor of Her Majesty and Court."

In the early years of the coronation, about 30 young women were part of the formal coronation, and each participant represented an organization.

Today, five or more are chosen for the court, including one queen. Selection is based on poise, appearance, personality, communication and interpersonal skills and the ability to demonstrate knowledge of the Sun Bowl and El Paso. Contestants must be enrolled as full-time students with a minimum GPA of a 3.0 or better.

Princesses and the queen serve as ambassadors for the city of El Paso. They volunteer at various community events and make appearances at the Nusenda Credit Union Sun Bowl Pickleball Tournament, the Sun Bowl Adult Flag Football Tournament presented by Goodwill Industries of El Paso, the Glasheen, Valles & Inderman Injury Lawyers Sun Bowl Parade, the WestStar Don Haskins Sun Bowl Basketball Invitational, the Tony the Tiger Sun Bowl Game, and other events throughout the year.

Past Sun Queens

1936	Ruth Staten	1970	Phyllis Deter	2004	Lindsay Caldwell
1937	Gretchen Reine	1971	Margaret Mayfield	2005	Amanda Esparza
1938	Charlene Watkins	1972	Delores Pellicano	2006	Briana Torres
1939	Margaret McKee	1973	Kyle Barnhouse	2007	Katherine Foust
1940	Jean Miller	1974	Debbie Finger	2008	Celeste Nevarez
1941	Mary Mason	1975	Marta Salas-Porras	2009	Stephanie Smith
1942	Ellie Semple	1976	Lorez Curlin	2010	Naomi Nunez
1943	Barbara Bassett	1977	Kay Sanderson	2011	Adriana Diaz de Leon
1944	Frances Roderick	1978	Susan Millard	2012	Rebekah Wierson
1945	Frances Schwartz	1979	Cyndi Lund	2013	Madeline Clark
1946	Barbara Price	1980	Sheryl Ward	2014	Rebecca Gutierrez
1947	Anna Louise Jagoe	1981	Janene Costa	2015	Cassidy Daw
1948	Louann Hoover	1982	Amy Wilner	2016	Katherine Carroll-Miller
1949	Patricia Murchison	1983	Patty Dent	2017	Macy McBeth
1950	Marianne Lowenfield	1984	Ann Boling	2018	Mckenna Hitter
1951	Susan Ballantyne	1985	Virginia Windle	2019-2020	Elizabeth Vega
1952	Frances Zork	1986	Kari Rubin	2021	Jaylene Placencia
1953	Jean McGregor	1987	Elizabeth Mitchell	2022	Analisa Quiñonez
1954	Sandra Schwartz	1988	Linda Ann Hornsten	2023	Kaitlyn Deguire
1955	Nancy Saunders	1989	Amy Lynn Kahn	2024	Raegan Jabor
1956	Ruthie Kay Fulwiler	1990	Allison Lee Hardie	2025	Caroline Mann
1957	Helen Ann Harris	1991	Susy Gail Michel		
1958	Mary Lee Leavell	1992	Kristen Brown		
1959	Linda Hart	1993	Stephanie J. Stanford		
1960	Anne Ponder	1994	Marisa Loren Echaniz		
1961	Barbara Daugherty	1995	Jennifer Puishes		
1962	Edita White	1996	Monica Daniels		
1963	Martha Charlene Green	1997	Nichole Ayoub		
1964	Katherine Lynn Crombie	1998	Robin Hope Adams		
1965	Freida Lee Schwartz	1999	Michele Amber Malooly		
1966	Pamela Ann MacGuire	2000	Emily Marie Hovel		
1967	Susan Joan McKee	2001	Vanessa Beth Lujan		
1968	Susan Ponder	2002	Amber Doolittle		
1969	Mary Hardie Hoover	2003	Natalie Hart		