

# WEDDING INVITATION

# Wording Guide

## HOST LINE VARIATIONS

*Married Parents Wording with ceremony being held in a church or other house of worship:*

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jackson Smith  
request the honour of your presence  
at the marriage of their daughter

*Married Parents Wording with ceremony being held somewhere other than a church or house of worship:*

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jackson Smith  
request the pleasure of your company  
at the marriage of their daughter

*\*If the bride's mother has remarried, she uses "Mrs." followed by her current husband's full name.*

*\*If the bride's parents are divorced and the father has remarried, traditionally she would not be included on the invitation since the bride is "given away" by her natural parents.*

*\*If the bride's father dislikes his middle name, it can be omitted entirely, but initials should not be used.*

*\*The word "and" is not included between the two parents' names at the top of the invitation.*

*Divorced Parents Wording with ceremony being held somewhere other than a church or house of worship:*

Mr. Andrew Jackson Smith  
Mrs. Anne Barton Smith  
request the pleasure of your company  
at the marriage of their daughter

*Divorced Parents Wording with ceremony being held in a church or other house of worship:*

Mr. Andrew Jackson Smith  
Mrs. Anne Barton Smith  
request the honour of your presence  
at the marriage of their daughter

*Joint hosting of bride, groom, and their families*

Together with their families  
Laura Sanders Coin  
and  
Mark Charles Stiles  
request the pleasure of your company

## OTHER HELPFUL TIPS

- The date should always be spelled out and include the year
- If the word honour is used on the invitation request line, the "u" should be included to coordinate with our spelling of favour on the reply card. This is the old English version spelling and used often on current day wedding stationery.
- Wedding locations should include the ceremony location name as well as the city and state. However, street addresses nor zip codes should be included.
- The ceremony time dictates the event's dress code; weddings before 6 pm should not be considered black tie and weddings after 6 pm are considered black tie.
- Most brides parents' are hosting the wedding, so in this case if one parent is deceased, only the surviving host should be included on the invitation host line. If you feel you'd still like to include the deceased parent, we recommend the surviving parent (even if this is the wife) be listed first, along with the "late" other parent. We encourage correct etiquette, but also understand that there are exceptions for every family!