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Writing Your Wedding Invitation: Examples to Get You Started

# **Hosting line 1:**

#### Names

Request the pleasure of your company / request the honor of your presence to celebrate the marriage of / to witness the union of

Brides name / Partner one

And / to

Grooms name / Partner two

Hosting line 2

Date

Year

Venue Name

Street Address

City, State

Reception Line

Attire line

### **Traditional Bride's Parents Hosting:**

Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Michael Miller {Kari & Ryan Miller - informal}
Request the pleasure of your company {request the honor of your presence – place of worship}

At the marriage of their daughter

Ms. Anna Marie {if parents last name is the same, no need to add Brides last name}

To {and - for jewish ceremony}

Mr. Austin Wayne Martin

Friday the twentieth of May

Two thousand twenty

Half past six in the evening

The Bell Tower

1234 Holly Lane {optional street address, traditional wording does not have street address}

Houston, Texas {check if GPS states the same city name for venue}

Dinner & Dancing to follow {if reception at same location}

Black tie optional {option line, always bottom right, corner if possible with design}

### **Both set of Parents Hosting:**

Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Michael Miller {Brides parents first}
And
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Howard Martin
Request the pleasure of your company
At the marriage of their children
Mr. Chris William Miller
And
Mr. Austin Wayne Martin

-or-

Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Michael Miller
Request the honor of your presence
At the marriage of their daughter
Ms. Anna Maria
To
Mr. Austin Wayne Martin
Son of
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Howard Martin

# **Couples Parents Hosting & Divorced and/or remarried**

Ms. Lauren Bell {mom first, mom not remarried} with
Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Miller {dad second}
Request the honour of your presence
At the marriage of their daughter

Mr. & Mrs. Rick Koeninger {mom of bride remarried}
With
Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Miller
Request the pleasure of your company at the marriage of their daughter

Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Miller
With the memory of the former Mrs. Jacquelyn Miller
Request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter

### **Grandparents Hosting**

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Wayne Miller Request the honor of your presence At the marriage of their granddaughter (grandson)

### Couple Hosting or Family, personal

Anna Maria Miller With / And (if Jewish)

# Austin Wayne Martin Request the pleasure of your company At their wedding

-OR-

The honor of your presence is requested at the wedding of Mr. Chris Miller &

Mr. Austin Wayne Martin

Or throw out tradition and design your own wording that communicates you and your partner's style. Just keep in mind the basics of date, time and location!

You have options when composing the rest of your invitation as well.

#### **Request Line**

- "Request the pleasure of your company" {non-religious location such as a wedding venue, backyard, farm, winery, at your home, etc}
- "Request the honor of your presence" {religious location & ceremony such as a church, cathedral, mosque}

#### Date

- Spell it out and include day of week! Double check your calendar that you have the correct day.
- Spell out year on a separate line
- It is ok to use numbers if it is a casual location or ceremony

# Time

- Spell it out
  - Six o'clock in the evening
  - Half past five o'clock in the evening
  - Ten in the morning
  - Noon
- NEVER "starts promptly at". If you are afraid that guests will be late have a personal conversation with those guests or state the promptness of your wedding start time on your wedding website. Plan to have your scheduled guests transportation to arrive 20-30 minutes early.

#### Location

- Include the venue name, city and state
- Street address is optional.

**Tip:** Check your phone's GPS system to verify city name of location. A venue right outside a city line might not be fully known by you and stating the city name might confuse guests on location.