Samples of Formal Invitation Wording

*Find examples of wording you like below, mix and match based on your personal preferences…*

*Just add your names, dates, etc. copy and paste into an email and send it to erin@dotandbowpaperie.com*

Bride’s parents, who are divorced and remarried, host the wedding together:

Mr. and Mrs. Ronan Videla  
and  
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Andreason  
request the honour of your presence  
at the marriage of their daughter  
Kelly Grace Andreason  
and  
Mr. Garrett John Hanna  
Saturday, the twenty-second of March  
two thousand seventeen  
at six o’clock  
Temple Sinai  
Granville, Ohio

Bride’s mother and stepfather host:

Mr. and Mrs. Ronan Videla  
request the pleasure of your company  
at the marriage of her daughter  
Kelly Grace Andreason  
to  
Mr. Garrett John Hanna  
Friday, the seventeenth of May  
two thousand sixteen  
at seven o’clock  
Viansa Winery  
25200 Arnold Drive  
Sonoma, California
Bride’s only living parent hosts:

Mr. [or Mrs.] Michael Thomas Fitzloff
requests the honour of your presence
at the marriage of his [or her] daughter
Shannon Michelle
to
Lieutenant Roger Stephen Manning, U.S. Navy
Saturday, the seventeenth of May
two thousand sixteen
at two o’clock
New Haven Community Church
New Haven, Georgia

Groom’s parents host:

Mr. and Mrs. George Dempsey
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of
Miss [or Ms.] Beth Ann Boomgarten
to
their son
Mr. Alexander Graham Dempsey
Friday, the fourteenth of November
two thousand nineteen
at six o’clock
St. Thomas Cathedral
Spokane, Washington

Both bride and groom's parents host:

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Wilfork
and
Captain and Mrs. William James Plett
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of
Matilda Renee Wilfork
and
Timothy James Plett
Saturday, the twenty-fifth of August
two thousand seventeen
at four o’clock
St. James Catholic Church
Grand Rapids, Michigan
Bride's parents host, but include groom's parents' names:

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Jeremiah Crenshaw  
request the honour of your presence  
at the marriage of their daughter  
    Hillary Jo  
    and  
Mr. Anthony Patrick Ames  
    son of  
Captain and Mrs. Patrick George Ames  
Saturday, the twenty-fifth of August  
two thousand seventeen  
at four o’clock  
St. James Catholic Church  
Grand Rapids, Michigan  

Bride and groom host:

Miss [or Ms.] Elizabeth Marie Carrington  
    and  
Mr. Richard James Handlin  
request the honour of your presence  
at their marriage  
Saturday, the tenth of July  
two thousand seventeen  
at half after four o’clock  
First Congregational Church  
Richmond, Virginia  

The honour of your presence  
is requested  
at the marriage of  
Miss [or Ms]. Elizabeth Marie Carrington  
to  
Mr. Richard James Handlin  
Saturday, the tenth of July  
two thousand seventeen  
at half after four o’clock  
First Congregational Church  
Richmond, Virginia
The families host together:

Together with their families
Miss Macey Leigh Kirkland
and
Mr. Will Ronald Germundson
request the honour of your presence
at their marriage
Saturday, the tenth of July
two thousand seventeen
at half after four o’clock
First Congregational Church
Richmond, Virginia

Bride’s other family members host:

Mr. Eric Henry Evans
requests the pleasure of your company
at the marriage of his sister
Lisa Marie
to
Mr. Ian John Wyskowski
Saturday, the fourth of June
two thousand seventeen
at one o’clock
The Ritz-Carlton
St. Louis, Missouri

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Elliott
request the pleasure of your company
at the marriage of their niece
Miss [or Ms.] Samantha Jane Richards
to
Mr. Scott Randolph Markham
Saturday, the fourth of June
two thousand seventeen
at one o’clock
The Ritz-Carlton
St. Louis, Missouri
Tips:

Jewish wedding invitation wording differs only in that "and" is used instead of "to" between the bride and groom’s names.

Invitations may include "and your participation in the offering of a Nuptial Mass" beneath the groom’s name, when a Roman Catholic mass is being celebrated as part of the ceremony.

Allow plenty of time to carefully address, assemble, and mail your invitations.

Organize your master guest list in a functional form (file cards, computer database, work sheet.)

Using your finalized guest list, stay organized by developing a system for addressing and mailing your invitations.

Create an assembly line of sorts by arranging each piece that goes into an invitation in the order they will be picked up, assembled, and inserted into the envelope.

If needed, enlist the help of family, bridal attendants, or friends to help with the assembly.

Include enclosures such as map cards and accommodation cards for out-of-town guests.

Never include registry or gift information with (or on) your invitation. If someone asks, you, your family, bridal attendants, and friends can let them know by word of mouth.

Attire or dress code should not be mentioned on the wedding invitation. You may include "Black tie" in the lower right on a reception invitation, if necessary.

A Few Response Card Wording Examples

RESPONSE CARD WITH MEAL CHOICES
M. ________________________
Accepts with Pleasure _______ Declines with Regrets
Please Choice One of the Following:
____ Rack of Lamb ______ Seasonal Fish

RESPONSE CARD FOR NUMBER OF GUESTS
M. ________________________
Number Attending __________
Please Indicate Your Selection:
______ Vegetarian Lasagna _______ Herb-Encrusted Pork Tenderloin

RESPONSE CARD WITHOUT AN M. LINE
Guest Name(s): ______________________________
Will Attend ____ Will Not Attend _________
Please Include any Food Allergies in the Space Below:
________________________________________
________________________________________

CREATIVE RESPONSE CARD WORDING
Name: ______________________________
Can’t Wait to Celebrate! ______ Sorry to Miss Out

RESPONSE CARD INCLUDING MULTIPLE EVENTS
M. ________________________________
Delightfully Accepts ____ Regretfully Declines ______ Name(s): ____________________________ will Attend the Rehearsal Dinner Name(s): ____________________________ will Attend the Ceremony Name(s):
________________________________________ Will Attend the Cocktail Reception
The favor of a reply is requested by June 1, 2016
M_____________________________
Accepts with pleasure _____ Declines with regrets

The favor of a reply is requested by June 1, 2016
M_____________________________
Will _____ Attend

We look forward to celebrating with you.
Please reply by June 1, 2014
M_____________________________
accepts _____ regrets

We have reserved two seats in your honor
M_____________________________
{ } Accept with pleasure { } Decline with regret
Please respond by June 1, 2014

Kindly reply before June 1, 2014
Name(s)
____Can’t wait!
____Can’t come!