

wedding invitation etiquette guide

abbreviations

Abbreviations should NOT be used for wedding invitations and accompanying cards. If you do choose to list the date or any other information in a more casual manner, be consistent across all pieces of the invitation suite.

honor vs. pleasure

The phrase “request the honor of your presence” is traditionally used for a ceremony taking place in a place of worship (church, synagogue, etc). It’s appropriate to use “request the pleasure of your company” for a ceremony taking place in a non-religious location. You are welcome to spell it as either “honor” or “honour”, but be sure to make match it on your reply card with “favor” or “favour.”

divorced parents

It is customary to list divorced parents on separate lines and without the word “and” between them.

widows

Women who are widowed should be addressed according to their late husband’s name, with “Mrs.” preceding their name (i.e. Mrs. Robert Smith).

addresses

When listing the addresses, only the street address, city and state should be listed. The zip code should not be listed on the invitation. State names should be spelled out.

reception information

If the ceremony and reception are at the same location, a separate reception card is not needed. Reception information can be listed at the bottom of the invitation card.

wedding invitation wording guide

brides parents hosting

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brown
request the honor of your
presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Caroline Anne
to
Michael Joseph Andrews
Saturday, the twenty-first of June
two thousand and fourteen
at half-past four o'clock
Church of Christ
20 Main Street
Boston, Massachusetts

grooms parents hosting

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Andrews
request the honor of your
presence
at the marriage of
Caroline Anne Brown
to their son
Michael Joseph
Saturday, the twenty-first of June
two thousand and fourteen
at half-past four o'clock
Church of Christ
20 Main Street
Boston, Massachusetts

both sets of parents hosting

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brown and
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Andrews
request the pleasure of your
company
at the marriage of their children
Caroline Anne
to
Michael Joseph
Saturday, the twenty-first of June
two thousand and fourteen
at half-past four o'clock
Church of Christ
20 Main Street
Boston, Massachusetts

brides parents hosting, acknowledging grooms parents

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brown
request the honor of your
presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Caroline Anne
to
Michael Joseph
son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph
Andrews
Saturday, the twenty-first of June
two thousand and fourteen
at half-past four o'clock
Church of Christ
20 Main Street
Boston, Massachusetts

bride and groom hosting

Caroline Anne Brown
and
Michael Joseph Andrews
joyfully request
the honor of your presence
at their wedding celebration
Saturday, the twenty-first of June
two thousand and fourteen
at half-past four o'clock
Church of Christ
20 Main Street
Boston, Massachusetts

both sets of parents, bride and groom hosting

Together with their families,
Caroline Anne Brown
and
Michael Joseph Andrews
joyfully request
the honor of your presence
at their wedding celebration
Saturday, the twenty-first of June
two thousand and fourteen
at half-past four o'clock
Church of Christ
20 Main Street
Boston, Massachusetts

wedding reception card wording guide

sample one

Dinner reception
to be held following ceremony
The Hampshire House
84 Beacon Street
Boston, Massachusetts

sample two

Join us for the reception
immediately following the ceremony
The Hampshire House
84 Beacon Street
Boston, Massachusetts

sample three

The pleasure of your company is requested
at the reception
immediately following the ceremony
The Hampshire House
84 Beacon Street
Boston, Massachusetts

sample four

Please join us for
dining and dancing
at six o' clock in the evening
The Hampshire House
84 Beacon Street
Boston, Massachusetts

sample five

Please join us for cocktails, dinner and dancing
in honor of the new
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Andrews
at six o' clock in the evening
The Hampshire House
84 Beacon Street
Boston, Massachusetts

wedding reply card

wording guide

sample one

The favor of a reply is requested
by the thirty-first of May

Name(s) _____

____ will attend

____ will not attend

sample two

The favor of a reply is requested
by the thirty-first of May

Name(s) _____

____ Accepts with pleasure

____ Declines with regret

sample three

We look forward to celebrating with you
Please reply by the thirty-first of May

Name(s) _____

____ Accepts with pleasure

____ Declines with regret

sample four

RSVP

Please reply by the thirty-first of May

Name(s) _____

____ Accepts with pleasure

____ Declines with regret

sample five

The favor of a reply is requested
by the thirty-first of May

Name(s) _____

____ Accepts with pleasure

____ Declines with regret

Menu selection (please indicate number of each):

____ chicken ____ beef ____ fish

sample six

Please reply by the thirty-first of May

Name(s) _____

____ Accepts with pleasure

____ Declines with regret

Please add each guest's initials next to
the desired menu selection:

____ chicken ____ beef ____ fish

wedding enclosure card

wording guide

wedding website

For travel and accommodation information, the weekend itinerary and more wedding details, please visit our wedding website:
www.carrieandmichaelwedding.com

travel information

Travel Information

JetBlue will offer a 5% discount on flights to Boston
Authorization Code: JB1234, Airport Code: BOS

A block of rooms has been reserved for our guests at
The Four Seasons Boston
Please reference the Brown/Andrews wedding when
making your booking
phone: (310) 273-2222
www.fourseasons.com

weekend itinerary

Friday, June 20

Welcome Reception - 6:00 pm
The Chart House
Boston, Massachusetts

Saturday, June 21

The Wedding!

Sunday, June 22

Please join us for brunch at 11am
The Bristol Lounge at
The Four Seasons Boston

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