

The Bride's Wedding Thank You Speech Guide



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Dear Bride...

Congratulations on your upcoming marriage!

It's an exciting time for you as you embark on a new adventure with your husband.

These days it's not unusual for you - as well as your husband - to give a wedding thank you speech at your wedding reception.

You might even begin your wedding speech by saying you've never let others speak for you and it would be remiss of you not to say a few words.

Your wedding guests will be delighted to hear from you. So take the time to prepare a speech that they'll remember and talk about.

The Top 5 Most Important Wedding Speech Tips

As you've read the articles and posts at WeddingSpeechesAndVows.com we hope you've picked up some handy tips for your wedding speech.

Here are what we consider the most important ones to keep in mind...

- (1) Don't try to "wing it" with your wedding speech. Spur of the moment comments can be a disaster especially if you forget to formally thank someone. Give your wedding thank you speech careful thought and preparation for your special day.
- (2) Start preparing your speech early. Give yourself lots of time for ideas to percolate. The less rushed you are, the better your speech will be.
- (3) Keep your speech to 5 minutes...maximum. That's about 750 words.
- (4) Memorize your opening and closing sentences and your toast. It will increase your confidence and allow for smooth transitions as your speech progresses.
- (5) Practice your speech. Out loud. In front of a mirror...or a friend. You don't have to memorize it word for word. But you should know what you are going to say so it sounds natural.

Public Speaking Confidence Booster

If you're like most of us, the thought of giving a speech in front of a group of people sends a momentary shiver of panic through your body.

The good news is that with thorough preparation you can overcome the worst of your fears very easily.

Amazingly, being slightly nervous before giving your wedding speech can help you do even better. Even professional performers admit to being nervous before going on stage.

The secret to boosting your public speaking self-assurance is this: Proper preparation and rehearsal. Prepare and practice your speech and you'll have the confidence to deliver your wedding speech with ease and poise.

Who To Thank And Acknowledge In Your Wedding Speech

Your speech will in all likelihood be a combination of "thank you's," anecdotes, one-liners, and acknowledgements followed by a toast.

Here are some ideas to include in your own personalized wedding speech...

- **Thank your parents.**

Acknowledge what they have taught you or how they have set an example for you to follow -- love, forgiveness, kindness, gentleness, humor, generosity, friendship, setting goals. Thank them for their love, support, and generosity.

- **Thank your grandparents.**

Your grandparents are usually a large part of your life. So be sure to acknowledge their contribution to your upbringing.

- **Thank your groom's parents.**

Thank your husband's parents for welcoming you into their family and mention how honored you feel to be a part of their family. Thank them for raising your husband to be the person he is today.

- **Thank the wedding guests for attending and for their generous gifts.**

It's courteous and polite to thank your guests and acknowledge those who have traveled a long way to come to your wedding.

This is the part of your speech where you tell your wedding guests how lucky you are to have found your husband. How he makes you feel. What makes him so special.

Although your husband may have already mentioned how you met, your wedding guests would still like to hear your story. So let them in on something you think might interest them including...the moment you fell in love with your husband...what made you fall in love with him...and when you first told him you loved him.

- **Thank your groom.**

Tell him how much you love him...how happy he makes you...and why he's the best thing that ever happened to you.

- **Thank the maid/matron of honor for her help and support.**

Chances are you have a close relationship with your maid/matron of honor. You may be best friends or you may have known each other for years. So be sure to publicly thank her for all of the support she's given you.

- **Thank the attendants.**

These are your support team who have seen to all the details behind the scenes to make your wedding day a special and happy occasion. So a short word of thanks and acknowledgement for all of their hard work is appropriate.

- **Thank anyone else who contributed to your wedding or wedding reception.**

There may be other people who have assisted in your wedding preparations that should be acknowledged and thanked.

This could include those who helped with your hair, makeup, decorations, the wedding cake, and the music.

Be sure you pronounce their names correctly and if in doubt, check with them well before your wedding day.

- **Acknowledge absent friends and loved ones.**

It's likely there will be those who couldn't make your wedding because they live too far away or they are no longer with you. So you might like to make a brief acknowledgement of them.

- **Acknowledge your children.**

If this is your second marriage you may have children. So be sure to acknowledge them and tell them how much you love them -- without embarrassing them too much!

You've thanked everyone for making this a special day for you and your husband. Your speech is now drawing to a close.

A Toast To The Bridesmaids

This is the final part of your speech and is the prelude to your toast to the bridesmaids. You can propose a toast to your bridesmaids even if they have already been toasted by the best man or the groom.

- **Thank your bridesmaids for their help.**

Mention how beautiful the bridesmaids look and how much help they have been to you. Then ask the wedding guests to stand and join you in toasting the bridesmaids.

Alternatively, you could simply raise your glass and toast everyone.

Remember, you have a lot to cover in a short time. So fine tune and polish your speech to stay within your time limit.

Special Toasts

Special toasts don't need to have a long speech preceding them. And you don't have to do any of the special toasts we mention here unless you choose to. Depending upon the program, you could do any of these special acknowledgements throughout the reception.

Here are several special toasts you could make...

- **Toast Your Parents**

You can do a special toast to both of your parents. You can mention how they inspired you and acknowledge the wonderful memories you have of growing up.

- **Toast Your Mother**

Instead of toasting both of your parents, you could do one to your mother. It can be as simple as thanking her for being there when you needed support and advice. And it can include your heartfelt thanks for her unconditional love.

If your mother is a single parent you could acknowledge what a terrific job she did -- doing the work of two people, and doing it so well.

- **Toast Your Father**

Your special acknowledgement to your father could be about the times you've shared together, the things he's taught you, or the memories you have of the "father-daughter" times you've shared together.

- **Toast Your Grandparents**

Your grandparents are a large part of your life so it's entirely appropriate to include them in a toast.

- **Toast Your Grandmother**

You may have a special or very close bond with your grandmother. So acknowledging her publicly would be something she would cherish.

- **Toast Your Groom's Parents**

You're now a member of another family - your husband's family. So it's only fitting to praise your husband's parents for how they brought up their son.

Thank them for raising such a wonderful son. Thank them for the qualities you see in your husband - family values, morals, kindness, and other attributes.

- **Toast Your Groom And Both Parents**

Instead of separate toasts, you could combine them into one. Propose a toast to your husband and talk about what you love about him. Thank your husband's parents for raising such a wonderful man, and thank your own parents for loving you and supporting you.

A Surprise Toast...To Your Groom

These days, it's not unusual for the bride to propose a toast to her groom. It's a special tribute and can be a wonderful - and romantic - surprise to him.

As with a special toast, your speech doesn't have to be long.

In your toast to your husband, tell him how proud you are to have him as your husband...how happy he makes you...and what you admire and love about him.

What To Say When Toasting Your Groom

You can toast to a number of things:

- To the future with your new husband.
- To your lives together.
- To the deep love you have for your husband.

You can be as sentimental...romantic...and emotional as you wish. After all, this is a proud moment for you and a milestone in your life.

If you're making special or surprise toasts, be sure to advise the Best Man or the Wedding MC in advance so your toasts can be included in the wedding reception's program.

Your Wedding Deserves The Perfect Speech

Your speech will be one of the most important duties you perform on your wedding day.

And if you toast your husband, you'll want your words to be sincere, heartfelt, and romantic.

If this is the first time you've given a Bride's Wedding Thank You Speech then there are certain things you'll probably want to achieve...

- You want your speech to be a special tribute to those you love - your parents...your grandparents...and your handsome new groom.
- You want your wedding speech to begin strongly and capture the wedding guests' attention immediately.
- You want your speech to be memorable. You'll want it to be sentimental with perhaps a touch of humor.
- You want everything to go smoothly. You don't want to make a fool of yourself and be humiliated in front of 50...100...or more of your wedding guests.

But, if you're like most Brides, you don't know where to start or what to say. You don't know jokes or quotes that are appropriate for weddings.

And you don't know how to word your feelings and sentiments so they are meaningful - to those you love and especially to your new husband.

As well, you need inspiration to get ideas flowing so you can create a spectacular speech.

The best - and fastest - way to get inspiration is to use [wedding speech templates and examples](#).

Speech templates are a quick and easy way to start preparing your Bride's wedding thank you speech.

You get examples of how to **open and close your speech**. That's important because you want to grab the wedding guests' attention immediately. And you want to close the speech on the right note and lead smoothly into the toast. That's one sign of a confident, eloquent bride.

You get **sample speeches** from which you'll get your ideas. You'll be able to cut and paste snippets from speeches, add your own material, and then polish and fine tune.

So instead of spending what might be days writing your speech from scratch, and agonizing over the correct words to use, you'll have the framework for your speech put together faster than you ever thought possible. And that's especially important when you have so many last minute things to plan for before your big day.

What's more, you get **examples of toasts** to use as you pay tribute to those you love at the end of your speech.

The **speeches** in the templates are all professionally prepared so they'll sound polished - which is exactly how you want to sound when you stand up in front of all your wedding guests.

And best of all, you'll have a wide range of **jokes and quotations** to select from so you can create a funny and memorable wedding speech. You'll be able to pick and choose what's appropriate and what fits with your own material.

But that's not all! As the beautiful Bride...

You Might Have To Make Not Just One Wedding Speech...But Two!

With all the pre-wedding functions you'll be attending, you might have to make another toast or short speech before the big event at your wedding reception.

So it's a good idea to have more than one speech or toast ready for these other occasions.

You'll look like a true public-speaking professional giving one speech and toast at a pre-wedding event and then presenting totally different versions at the wedding reception.

Impress Your New Husband And The Wedding Guests With Your Poise and Eloquence

Of course, with all of the wedding arrangements you haven't had much time for yourself. After all, you've been working non-stop because you want your wedding to be a very special event.

But you're not too busy to overlook one of the most important moments of your wedding - the sentiments you say in your wedding speech.

This is the time when you show your love and affection to those who are near and dear to you.

After all, what better gift to give to those you love than saying something that shows your feelings for the special people in your life.

So save time, get inspiration, and choose the right words to express your emotions by taking a moment to look at [Bride Speeches](#) before you start preparing your speech for one of the most important events of your life.

Here's what you get in this amazing speech making package:

- ✓ 20 pre-written, quick-and-easy speech **templates** you can adapt to reduce your speech writing time dramatically.
- ✓ Toasts, quotes, jokes, and one-liners to make your speech witty and entertaining.
- ✓ Unstoppable Confidence audio program for reducing stage fright and speech anxiety so you deliver your speech with poise and confidence.
- ✓ **PLUS**, you also get one **FREE email speech consultation** in case you have any lingering doubts about how good your speech is. (Be sure to leave plenty of time for the consultation so you can polish and fine tune your speech. Of course, if you don't have a lot of time, use the pre-written speech templates.)

And it all comes with a 100% satisfaction, money-back guarantee so you can feel confident that you'll create a memorable speech.

With proper preparation before the wedding events get underway, you're sure to give a memorable wedding speech that will be remembered by those close to you for years to come.

Now that we've covered your **Wedding Thank You Speech**, there's one more important area you should consider for your wedding reception.

And that's **selecting your Wedding MC**.

On Your Perfect Wedding Day... Don't Leave Anything to Chance When Choosing Your Wedding MC

You might not know it, but your Wedding MC can either make your wedding reception a wonderful memory or ruin your perfect wedding day.

How would you feel if any of these **disasters** happened at **your** wedding reception after all the planning you've done...

- Your Wedding MC introduces the Bridal Party in the wrong order and mispronounces your guests' names.
- The garter toss turns into a shoving match between two intoxicated wedding guests.
- The First Dance song - which you and your handsome groom have rehearsed for weeks - doesn't get played.
- The caterers are slow in serving the beverages. Plus, the main meal is late being served, barely warm when it finally arrives, and dampens the celebratory atmosphere.

- The wedding speakers can't be found when called upon to give their wedding speech or toast. What's more, some speeches are longwinded and boring and some of the jokes offend the wedding guests and **embarrass you and your groom**.

Or imagine the Best Man standing up in front of your wedding guests and embarrassing his family and **humiliating you** on one of the most important days of your life with inappropriate jokes.

You Only Have One Chance To Make Your Wedding Reception A Lasting Memory...

...so choose your Wedding MC with care.

Your wedding reception will be a live performance. There won't be any "second takes."

And the last thing you want is a disappointing performance by your Wedding MC.

Here are some qualities to consider in choosing your Wedding MC.

You'll want someone who is...

- (1) Well spoken
- (2) Well mannered
- (3) Diplomatic and discreet
- (4) Sensitive to customs and cultural traditions
- (5) Gives attention to details
- (6) Punctual
- (7) Well dressed
- (8) Charming and outgoing
- (9) Humorous and entertaining
- (10) Organized and efficient
- (11) Confident and experienced in public speaking
- (12) Fun personality

Even though many Wedding MC's are honored to help with your wedding reception, the sad fact is that...

Many Wedding MC's Are NOT Properly Prepared For Their Duties...

...and that could RUIN your perfect wedding day.

Amazingly, many novice Wedding MC's admit...

- They don't know what to say, what to do, or where to start.
- They don't know the order of events at the wedding reception.
- They don't know what's expected of them.
- They don't know the order of toasts.
- They don't know how to introduce guests...including the wedding speakers.
- They don't know what questions to ask the bride and groom for background information.
- They don't know how to keep the events at the wedding reception flowing smoothly.

- They don't know how to conquer their nervousness and stage fright.

Imagine your perfect wedding day being ruined because your Wedding MC didn't know what to do or say!

Fortunately, a wedding reception disaster can be easily prevented.

How To Make Your Wedding Reception A Fun Celebration And A Wonderful Memory For Years To Come

When you choose your Wedding MC, you hand over a huge amount of responsibility to someone you trust to get it right the first time.

If your Wedding MC doesn't know what to do...what to say...or how to prevent the reception from turning into an embarrassing disaster...and is looking for guidance that walks him or her through the important steps of the Wedding MC's duties, then protect your wedding day from being ruined with [How To Be A FUN Wedding MC](#).

It's a complete package of duties and responsibilities with checklists, procedures, audience participation games, and word-for-word templates that even tell the novice Wedding MC what to say!

Your Wedding MC will have at his or her fingertips...

- ✔ A Quick Start Guide to get them up to speed fast
- ✔ **Detailed Checklists and Worksheets to ensure they don't forget important - even vital - duties and responsibilities**
- ✔ A Sample Wedding Reception Agenda or Run Sheet - the MC's critical outline to ensure the reception runs smoothly from start to finish
- ✔ **The MC's Opening | Welcoming Speech to warm up the wedding guests, create a celebratory atmosphere, and heighten the anticipation of your arrival**
- ✔ Audience participation games that heighten the mood and make the reception a FUN time
- ✔ **Entertainment Ideas to keep the wedding guests laughing, entertained, and enjoying themselves**
- ✔ Word-for-Word Scripts to help the MC introduce - and smoothly transition into - different events throughout the reception
- ✔ **Amusing telegrams to entertain the guests with**
- ✔ And much, much more.

PLUS, your Wedding MC will also get an Exclusive Bonus - *The Wedding MC's Secret List Of FUN Ideas*

The *Wedding MC's Secret List of FUN Ideas* is a select group of super-powerful party and entertainment ideas that elevate a normal wedding reception to a memorable event.

These are the very ideas your Wedding MC will want - and need - to create a fun celebration for you and your handsome groom.

[*How To Be A FUN Wedding MC*](#) helps your MC avoid the traps that many novice wedding emcees fall into.

Your Wedding MC will have an entire step-by-step blueprint of wedding party details, reception procedures, order of speeches and toasts, introductions, **as well as super-powerful ideas on how to make the wedding reception a FUN and memorable time for you and your handsome groom.**

Do yourself a favor and click on the following link right now to check out [*How To Be A FUN Wedding MC*](#).

Your Wedding MC will be surprised and delighted with such a wonderful gift you gave to help him or her with the Wedding MC Duties at your reception.

(And, of course, it comes with a 100% satisfaction, money-back guarantee so there's no risk to you.)

With *How To Be A FUN Wedding MC* you'll have the peace of mind that your Wedding MC will be able to carry out the Wedding MC's duties with complete confidence instead of panicking about the huge responsibility resting on his or her shoulders.

Consider this: You or your family will spend thousands of dollars on your wedding - including your beautiful wedding dress, wedding decorations, and wedding venue.

And yet, all it takes is one slip up...or one wedding speaker to make an inappropriate or humiliating remark or joke to spoil your perfect day.

And the thing you'll remember most is how your special day was ruined.

Your wedding reception should be as perfect as your wedding ceremony.

So don't overlook the importance of your Wedding MC's role.

Not only will you and your groom be left with a wonderful memory, your wedding guests will rave about your wedding...and the unforgettable wedding reception that followed.

I wish you and your new husband every happiness and good fortune in the years to come!

~ *The Wedding Speaker* ~

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