

SHARING THE COST

It is no longer expected that wedding costs will be assigned according to tradition. The bride and groom should discuss their plan and budget for the wedding with their families to determine whether to follow a traditional division of financial responsibility for the wedding costs. If circumstances don't allow the families to follow tradition, the proper rationale in deciding who pays for what portion is basic: whoever is most willing and most able to pay for a wedding expense assumes responsibility for that expense.

BRIDE

- Groom's wedding ring
- Wedding gift for groom
- Gifts for maid/matron of honor & bridesmaids
- Gift for parents (optional)
- Gowns for maid/matron of honor & bridesmaids (optional)
- Accommodations for out-of-town attendants (optional)
- Luncheon for bridal party
- Informal stationery

BRIDE'S FAMILY

- Engagement party
- Bride's wedding attire & trousseau
- Bride's parents' wedding attire
- Wedding gift for newlyweds
- Invitations, announcements, thank you notes, postage
- Engagement & wedding photographs
- Wedding ceremony site fee & decorations
- Wedding ceremony programs
- Wedding reception
- Flowers for ceremony & reception
- Bridal party bouquets & flowers for flower girl
- Transportation for wedding party to ceremony & reception
- Videographer
- Musicians/vocalists
- Security & insurance for gifts
- Welcome party for out-of-town guests (optional)

GROOM

- Bride's engagement & wedding rings
- Bride's bouquet & going-away corsage
- Boutonnieres for men in wedding party
- Mothers' corsages
- Wedding gift for bride
- Gifts for best man, groomsman & ushers
- Gift for parents (optional)
- Formal wear for best man & groomsmen (optional)
- Accommodations for out-of-town attendants (optional)
- Marriage license
- Honeymoon
- Fee for officiant

GROOM'S FAMILY

- Engagement party (optional; following party by bride's parents)
- Groom's wedding attire
- Groom's parents' wedding attire
- Wedding gift for newlyweds
- Groom's informal stationery & thank you notes
- Rehearsal dinner
- Shipment of wedding gifts to couple's new home
- Welcome party for out-of-town guests (optional)

WEDDING PARTY

- Bridal shower for bride
- Bachelor(ette) party
- Accommodations for self
- Wedding attire & shoes

THE WEDDING BUDGET

Know your overall budget **BEFORE** you start planning your wedding - it's one of the first issues you and your fiancé should discuss. Set your priorities based on what is most important to both of you and spend accordingly. For example, if the meal is the most important element of your wedding, you'll want to allocate a greater portion of your budget to it.

	BUDGET	ACTUAL		BUDGET	ACTUAL			
RINGS	Engagement Ring	_____	_____	PHOTOGRAPHY	Photographer's Fee	_____	_____	
	Bride's Wedding Ring	_____	_____		Engagement Portrait	_____	_____	
	Groom's Wedding Ring	_____	_____		Formal Wedding Portrait	_____	_____	
CEREMONY		BUDGET	ACTUAL		Proofs	_____	_____	
	Ceremony Site Fee	_____	_____		Wedding Album	_____	_____	
	Officiant	_____	_____		Candids	_____	_____	
	Marriage License	_____	_____		Parents' Sets	_____	_____	
	Aisle Runner	_____	_____		Other	_____	_____	
	Candles/Candelabra	_____	_____		VIDEOGRAPHY	Wedding VHS/DVD	_____	_____
Other	_____	_____	Additional Copies			_____	_____	
RECEPTION		BUDGET	ACTUAL			Photo Montage Video w/Music	_____	_____
	Reception Site Fee	_____	_____			Reception Entertainment:	_____	_____
	Food, Service, Tax & Gratuity	_____	_____			Edited Highlights of Ceremony	_____	_____
	Beverage/Bar Corkage Fee	_____	_____			"Love Story" Production	_____	_____
	Cake/Cake Cutting Fee	_____	_____		Projector Rental	_____	_____	
	Rental Items	_____	_____	Other	_____	_____		
Other	_____	_____	FLOWERS	Bride's Bouquet	_____	_____		
MUSIC		BUDGET		ACTUAL	Attendants' Bouquets	_____	_____	
	Ceremony	_____		_____	Groom's Boutonniere	_____	_____	
	Reception	_____		_____	Attendants' Boutonnieres	_____	_____	
Other	_____	_____		Helper Corsages/Boutonnieres	_____	_____		
WEDDING ATTIRE		BUDGET		ACTUAL	Ceremony Flowers	_____	_____	
	BRIDE:				Reception Flowers	_____	_____	
	Bride's Gown	_____		_____	Decorations/Balloons	_____	_____	
	Alterations	_____		_____	Other	_____	_____	
	Headpiece & Veil	_____		_____	STATIONERY	Save-the-Date Cards	_____	_____
	Lingerie, Hosiery & Garter	_____	_____	Invitations & Envelopes		_____	_____	
	Shoes	_____	_____	Calligrapher		_____	_____	
	Jewelry & Accessories	_____	_____	Postage		_____	_____	
	Wrap/Jacket	_____	_____	Thank You Notes		_____	_____	
	Hair, Makeup & Manicure	_____	_____	Informal Stationery		_____	_____	
	Other	_____	_____	Ceremony Programs		_____	_____	
	GROOM:			Placecards		_____	_____	
Groom's Formalwear	_____	_____	Announcements	_____		_____		
Neckwear & Cufflinks	_____	_____	Other	_____		_____		
Accessories	_____	_____						
Shoes	_____	_____						
Other	_____	_____						

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THE WEDDING BUDGET CONTINUED

TRANSPORTATION		BUDGET	ACTUAL	TOTALS	BUDGET	ACTUAL	
Wedding Party Transportation: Limousine, Carriage, etc.	_____	_____			Rings	_____	_____
Guest Transportation	_____	_____			Ceremony	_____	_____
Parking	_____	_____			Reception	_____	_____
Other	_____	_____			Music	_____	_____
Other	_____	_____			Wedding Attire	_____	_____
					Photography	_____	_____
					Videography	_____	_____
					Flowers	_____	_____
					Stationery	_____	_____
					Transportation	_____	_____
					Favors & Accessories	_____	_____
					Gifts	_____	_____
					Optional Items	_____	_____
					GRAND TOTAL	_____	_____

FAVORS & ACCESSORIES		BUDGET	ACTUAL
Cake Knife & Server	_____	_____	
Cake Top	_____	_____	
Favors	_____	_____	
Flower Girl's Basket	_____	_____	
Guest Book & Pen	_____	_____	
Ring Bearer's Pillow	_____	_____	
Toasting Glasses	_____	_____	
Unity Candle, Kiddush Cup	_____	_____	
Other	_____	_____	
Other	_____	_____	

GIFTS		BUDGET	ACTUAL
Maid/Matron of Honor	_____	_____	
Bridesmaids'	_____	_____	
Best Man	_____	_____	
Groomsmen	_____	_____	
Ushers	_____	_____	
Child Attendants	_____	_____	
Bride & Groom	_____	_____	
Bride's Parents	_____	_____	
Groom's Parents	_____	_____	
Hosts for Out-of-Town Guests	_____	_____	
Pre-Wedding Party Hosts	_____	_____	
Cake Cutting Attendant	_____	_____	
Gift Table Attendant	_____	_____	
Guest Book Attendant	_____	_____	
Soloists/Musicians (<i>who are friends</i>)	_____	_____	
Other	_____	_____	

OPTIONAL ITEMS		BUDGET	ACTUAL
Wedding Coordinator	_____	_____	
Disposable Cameras	_____	_____	
Attendant Accommodations	_____	_____	
Bridesmaids' Dresses/Shoes	_____	_____	
Flower Girl's Dress	_____	_____	
Groomsmen's Formalwear	_____	_____	
Ring Bearer's Attire	_____	_____	
Bridesmaids' Luncheon	_____	_____	
Other	_____	_____	

KEEPING TRACK

So many things to consider and organize. Just a planner to help you keep everything straight during this hectic time in your life.

VENDORS

	<i>Contact Name</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>	<i>Payment Information</i>		
			<i>Date</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Bal. Due</i>
Cake					
Catering					
Ceremony Site					
Flowers					
Formalwear					
Gown					
Hair/Makeup					
Music - Ceremony					
Music - Reception					
Officiant					
Photographer					
Reception Site					
Rental					
Transportation					
Videographer					
Wedding Coordinator					

WEDDING PARTY

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Phone</i>
Bridesmaids			
Groomsmen			
Ushers			