

## 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.

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

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# THE WEDDING BUDGET *continued*

<i>transportation</i>		BUDGET	ACTUAL	<i>totals</i>		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	_____	_____	
				TOTAL	_____	_____	

  

<i>favors &amp; accessories</i>		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	_____	_____	_____

  

<i>gifts</i>		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	_____	_____	_____

  

<i>optional items</i>		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	_____	_____	_____
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			