

As a reference, below is a checklist of the *traditional* expenses and responsibilities of the bride's and groom's families. Keep in mind that these days, **all of the following guidelines are variable—depending on the particular circumstances of the wedding.**

Often, expenses are shared by the couple and their families, so assign the responsibilities to fit your circumstances.

### Traditional Expenses of the Bride and Her Family

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### Services of a wedding consultant

- Invitations, enclosures, and announcements
- The bride's wedding gown and accessories
- Floral decorations for the ceremony and reception, bridesmaids' flowers
- The bride's bouquet (unless it is customary for the groom to pay for it)
- Tent, awning, aisle runner
- Music for church and reception
- Transportation of bridal party to ceremony and to reception
- All reception expenses
- Services of a traffic officer or security, if necessary
- Photographer, wedding photographs, wedding albums
- Videographer and finished DVD
- Transportation and lodging expenses for the officiant if from another town and if invited to officiate by the bride's family
- Accommodations for bride's attendants
- Bridesmaids' luncheon, if hosted by the bride or her family
- Bride's gifts to her attendants
- Bride's gift to groom
- Groom's wedding ring

### Traditional Expenses of the Groom and His Family

## Traditionally, Who Pays for What?

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- Bride's engagement and wedding rings
- Groom's attire
- Ties and gloves for the groomsmen, if not part of their clothing rental package
- Accommodations for the groom's attendants
- Accommodations for the groom's parents and siblings
- Bachelor dinner, if the groom wishes to give one
- All costs for the rehearsal dinner
- Officiant's fee or donation
- Transportation and lodging expenses for the officiant, if from another town and if invited to officiate by the groom's family
- The marriage license
- Transportation for the groom and best man to the ceremony
- The bride's bouquet (when it is local custom for the groom to pay for it)
- The bride's going away corsage, if wearing one
- Boutonnieres for groom's attendants
- Corsages for immediate members of both families (unless the bride has included them in her florist's order)
- The officiant's fee or donation
- Groom's gift to bride
- Gifts for groom's attendants
- Honeymoon expenses

### Maid of Honor's/Bridesmaids' Expenses

- Purchase of apparel and all accessories
- Transportation to and from the wedding location
- A contribution to a gift from all the bridesmaids to the bride
- An individual gift or a group gift from the attendants to the couple (if being in the wedding is not the gift)
- **Optionally**, a shower, luncheon, or bachelorette party for the bride

### Best Man's/Groomsmen's/Ushers' Expenses

- Rental or purchase of wedding attire
- Transportation to and from the wedding location
- A bachelor dinner, if given by the groom's attendants
- A contribution to a gift from all the groomsmen to the groom
- An individual gift or a group gift from the attendants to the couple (if being in the wedding is not the gift)

### Guests' Expenses

- Transportation to and from the wedding
- Lodging expenses and meals
- Wedding gift

