

What's an appropriate amount to give the officiant who will be performing our ceremony?



The officiant's fee varies based on your relationship and the house of worship, local customs, and how much time he spends working with you before the wedding. If you have little contact with the officiant beforehand, the cost might be as low as \$100; in other situations, especially those in which he has met with you several times about the ceremony, the fee can be as high as \$500. You could call the church or synagogue with whom your officiant is affiliated and ask the secretary what is commonly offered or if the cost is pre-set. Once you know the appropriate fee, present it on your wedding day in a sealed envelope along with a handwritten note of thanks from you and your new husband.