

Who Pays for What?

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Traditionally, wedding-related expenses are paid for by the bride, the groom and their families as follows:

Bride

- Wedding ring for the groom.
- Wedding gift for the groom.
- Gifts for bridal attendants.
- Personal stationery.
- Accommodations for out-of-town attendants.

Groom

- The bride's engagement and wedding rings.
- Wedding gift for the bride.
- Gifts for the best man and ushers.
- Bride's bouquet and going-away corsage.
- Mothers' corsages.
- Boutonnieres for attendants and fathers.
- Marriage license.
- Clergy's fee.
- Honeymoon expenses.
- Bachelor dinner if not given by best man.

Bride & Groom

- Gifts of appreciation for parents and others who helped with wedding.
- Expenses of items which exceeded budget.

Bride's Family

- Engagement party.
- Ceremony costs: location, music, rentals and all related expenses.
- Entire cost of reception, food, beverages, entertainment, rental items, decorations, wedding cake.
- Bride's attire and accessories.
- Wedding gift for the couple.
- Wedding invitations, announcements, mailing costs.
- Any general expenses they wish to contribute.

Attendants

- Wedding attire for themselves.
- Travel expenses.

- Gift for couple.
- Showers given by maid of honor or bridesmaids.
- Bachelor party given by best man or ushers.

Optional Expenses

- Attendants dresses may be purchased by bride or her family.
- Bride may give bridesmaids' luncheon.
- Bride's bouquet may be purchased by her family.
- Corsages for mothers and grandmothers may be paid by bride's family.
- Rehearsal dinner is usually hosted by groom's family, but may be hosted by bride's family or friend.