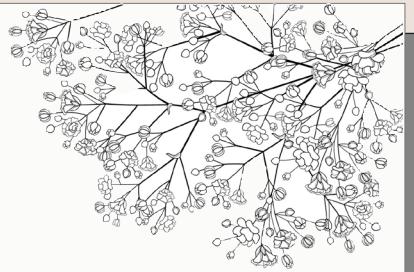


# Wedding Preparation

## THE BUDGET



### Total Budget

Consider allocating 5% of your budget to a "just in case" fund. This will help cover unforeseen costs.

### Tips

Although not required (nor expected) by every wedding vendor, small gratuity gifts for a job well done are a gracious way of showing your appreciation.

**NOTE:** Some contracts include a gratuity built into your price.

#### OFFICIANT/CLERGY

\$75 - \$100 'donations' are appropriate

#### CEREMONY SITE STAFF

(soloist, organist, church staff, etc.)

\$20 to \$30 per person

#### DELIVERY/SET-UP PERSONNEL

(decorators, floral, cake, etc.)

\$10 each if dropping items off, \$20 each if dropping off and setting up

#### TRANSPORTATION

15% - 20% paid to driver

#### RECEPTION WAIT STAFF

\$20 to \$40 per person

#### BARTENDERS

15% - 20% of entire bill for the bar

#### RECEPTION SITE MANAGER

15% to 20% of entire bill

#### DJ / BAND

15% to 20% given to the band leader or DJ

#### PARKING ATTENDANTS

\$1 - \$2 per car if they are not taking tips from guests

| Categories                        | Estimated Cost: | Actual Cost: | Deposit: | Paid: |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------|-------|
| Bar Service                       |                 |              |          |       |
| Beauty & Health                   |                 |              |          |       |
| Bridal Attire                     |                 |              |          |       |
| Cakes & Desserts                  |                 |              |          |       |
| Caterers                          |                 |              |          |       |
| Ceremony                          |                 |              |          |       |
| Decor (Lighting, Linens, Rentals) |                 |              |          |       |
| Entertainment                     |                 |              |          |       |
| Favors & Gifts                    |                 |              |          |       |
| Flowers                           |                 |              |          |       |
| Invitations & Stationery          |                 |              |          |       |
| Men's Attire                      |                 |              |          |       |
| Officiant                         |                 |              |          |       |
| Photography                       |                 |              |          |       |
| Reception Venue                   |                 |              |          |       |
| Rehearsal Dinner                  |                 |              |          |       |
| Rings                             |                 |              |          |       |
| Transportation                    |                 |              |          |       |
| Travel & Honeymoon                |                 |              |          |       |
| Videography                       |                 |              |          |       |
| Wedding Planner                   |                 |              |          |       |
| Miscellaneous                     |                 |              |          |       |
| Total                             |                 |              |          |       |

**Saving money makes more cents!**

We all wish we had unlimited funds to create our dream weddings, but this budget planner will help you decide how much you're willing to spend on what's most important.