

# Wedding Budget

Before you can start planning your wedding, you must decide how the wedding will be financed. Once you and your parents have discussed who will pay for what, and how much they will spend, is when you can start building your budget.

Traditionally the bride's family would pay for most of the wedding. Roles in society have changed and the bride's family picking up the bulk of the tab is no longer standard. Today with different incomes, second weddings, divorced parents, and destinations weddings make every situation a little different. Brides and grooms must discuss the budget with both parents. You may need to adjust the guest list and some details to meet financial constraints.

| <b>Reception 50%</b>   | <b>Estimate</b> | <b>Actual</b> | <b>Deposit</b> |
|------------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Site                   | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Food/Cater             | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Bar/Corkage Fee        | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Champagne/Wine         | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Cake/Cake Cutting Fee  | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Rentals                | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Wedding Consultant     | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Parking and Valet Fees | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Coat Check Attendant   | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Gratuities             | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| <b>Subtotal</b>        | <b>\$</b>       | <b>\$</b>     | <b>\$</b>      |

| <b>Music 10%</b>        | <b>Estimate</b> | <b>Actual</b> | <b>Deposit</b> |
|-------------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Ceremony Musicians      | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Music for Cocktail Hour | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Band/ DJ- Reception     | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| <b>Subtotal</b>         | <b>\$</b>       | <b>\$</b>     | <b>\$</b>      |

| <b>Flowers and Decorations</b> | <b>Estimate</b> | <b>Actual</b> | <b>Deposit</b> |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Ceremony Flowers               | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Ceremony Decorations           | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Brides Bouquet                 | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Maid of Honors Bouquet         | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Bridesmaid's Bouquets          | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Toss Bouquet                   | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Corsages                       | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Boutonnieres                   | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Flower Girls Basket            | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Floral Hair Accessories        | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Reception Center Pieces        | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Arrangements for Buffet Tables | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Arrangements for Cake Table    | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Other Reception Flowers/Deco   | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| <b>Subtotal</b>                | <b>\$</b>       | <b>\$</b>     | <b>\$</b>      |

| <b>Photography 10%</b>        | <b>Estimate</b> | <b>Actual</b> | <b>Deposit</b> |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Photography Package           | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Wedding Album                 | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Additional Albums             | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Additional Prints             | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Negatives                     | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Videographer Package          | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Disposable Cameras for Tables | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Developing Cost               | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| <b>Subtotal</b>               | <b>\$</b>       | <b>\$</b>     | <b>\$</b>      |

| <b>Attire/Beauty 10%</b>            | <b>Estimate</b> | <b>Actual</b> | <b>Deposit</b> |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Bridal Gown                         | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Alterations                         | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Veil/Headpiece                      | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Shoes                               | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Undergarments                       | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Hosiery                             | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Jewelry                             | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Other Bridal Accessories            | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Rehearsal Outfit                    | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Going Away Outfit                   | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Hair                                | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Makeup                              | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Manicure/Pedicure                   | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Grooms Tux/ Suit                    | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Grooms Shoes/Socks                  | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Grooms Accessories (tie, vest, etc) | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| <b>Subtotal</b>                     | <b>\$</b>       | <b>\$</b>     | <b>\$</b>      |

| <b>Other Expenses 10%</b>       | <b>Estimate</b> | <b>Actual</b> | <b>Deposit</b> |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| <b>Ceremony</b>                 |                 |               |                |
| Site Fee                        | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Officiate Fee/ Donation         | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Ceremonial Objects/ Accessories | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Ring Bearers Pillow             | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Marriage License                | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Wedding Rings                   | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| <b>Subtotal</b>                 | <b>\$</b>       | <b>\$</b>     | <b>\$</b>      |

| <b>Stationary</b>   | <b>Estimate</b> | <b>Actual</b> | <b>Deposit</b> |
|---------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Wedding Invitations | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Save the Date Cards | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Announcements       | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Thank You Notes     | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Ceremony Programs   | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Menus               | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Seating Cards       | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Calligraphers Fee   | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Postage             | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Other               | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| <b>Subtotal</b>     | <b>\$</b>       | <b>\$</b>     | <b>\$</b>      |

| <b>Transportation</b> | <b>Estimate</b> | <b>Actual</b> | <b>Deposit</b> |
|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Rented Vehicles       | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Gratuities            | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Shuttle for Guest     | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| <b>Subtotal</b>       | <b>\$</b>       | <b>\$</b>     | <b>\$</b>      |

| <b>Gifts</b>                          | <b>Estimate</b> | <b>Actual</b> | <b>Deposit</b> |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Favors or Charitable Donations        | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Welcome Baskets for Out of Town Guest | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Gifts for Wedding Party               | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Bride and Groom to Each Other         | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| <b>Subtotal</b>                       | <b>\$</b>       | <b>\$</b>     | <b>\$</b>      |

| <b>Parties</b>        | <b>Estimate</b> | <b>Actual</b> | <b>Deposit</b> |
|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Bridesmaid's Luncheon | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Rehearsal Dinner      | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| Post Wedding Brunch   | \$              | \$            | \$             |
| <b>Subtotal</b>       | <b>\$</b>       | <b>\$</b>     | <b>\$</b>      |

|                      |    |    |    |
|----------------------|----|----|----|
| <b>Miscellaneous</b> | \$ | \$ | \$ |
|----------------------|----|----|----|

|              |           |           |           |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>\$</b> |
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