

SHARING THE COST OF ROMANCE

The proper rationale in deciding who pays for what portion is very basic — whoever is most willing and able usually assumes the largest responsibility. One option is to split the wedding expenses in thirds — one-third for each set of parents and one-third for the couple. The following is a summary of the traditional division of financial responsibilities.

Bride

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal stationery | <input type="checkbox"/> Wedding gift for groom |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Groom's wedding ring | <input type="checkbox"/> Gifts for attendants |

Bride's Family

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| <input type="checkbox"/> First engagement party | <input type="checkbox"/> Photographer and videographer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ceremony location rental | <input type="checkbox"/> Musicians/vocalists |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reception | <input type="checkbox"/> Bridesmaids' and flower girl flowers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bride's wedding attire | <input type="checkbox"/> Ceremony and reception flowers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Save the date cards, invitations, announcements, response cards, thank-you-notes and postage | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation for bridal party to ceremony and reception |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Wedding gift for newlyweds |

Groom

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bride's rings | <input type="checkbox"/> Mothers' flowers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage license | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation to airport or hotel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Officiant's fee | <input type="checkbox"/> Honeymoon |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bride's bouquet | <input type="checkbox"/> Wedding gift for bride |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boutonnieres for male attendants | <input type="checkbox"/> Gifts for bestman and groomsmen |

Groom's Family

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Engagement party
(following party given by bride's parents) | <input type="checkbox"/> Groom's wedding attire |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel expenses and hotel bills | <input type="checkbox"/> Rehearsal dinner |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Wedding gift for newlyweds |

Attendants

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor / Bachelorette party | <input type="checkbox"/> Lodging |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attire | <input type="checkbox"/> Airfare / transportation |

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