



Wedding & Reception Gratuity Guide

The Recipient	The Amount	The Payer
Clergy member (priest, minister, rabbi)	Usually a donation (\$10 and up) depending on the ceremony size. \$100 tips are not uncommon.	Groom gives donations to best man, who pays after the ceremony.
Public officials (judges, justice of the peace, city clerk)	A flat fee (\$10 & up). Some judges cannot accept money.	Groom gives fee to best man, who pays after the ceremony.
Ceremony assistants (altar boys, sextons, cantor, organist)	Often covered by the church fee, but ask the clergy member what is customary (\$5 to \$25 is common).	Ceremony hosts pay church a fee when billed; pay tips after service.
Florist, baker, photographer, musician, limousine drivers.	15 percent minimum for the drivers. Tip the others for special service (i.e., extra photos, extended performance or special services).	Reception hosts pay bill upon receipt. Add tips on day of service or tip with cash at reception.
Waiters, waitresses, bartenders, table captains, maitre d'.	15 percent for servers; 1 to 2 percent for captains; 15 to 20 percent for maitre d'.	If included, hosts pay tips with bill. If not (most common), pay immediately after reception.
Powder-room attendants, coatroom attendants, etc.	50 cents per guest, or arrange a flat fee with the hotel or club management.	If a flat fee, reception host pays with bill. If not, pay after reception.

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