



Vendor Tipping Guide

Tipping is supposed to act as a reward, so you don't need to consider it a mandatory expense. Tips are meant to be given for excellent service or for vendors who go above and beyond their contracted duties. Before dishing out gratuity, check your contracts. Some vendors, especially venues and catering companies, will include it in their contract to help eliminate confusion.

Officiant

A donation of \$100 or more depending on the size of the ceremony or \$100 to the officiant if nondenominational

Ceremony Musicians

\$25 each

Caterer & Wait staff If it is not included in the contract,
\$50-\$100 for each chef and \$25-\$50 per server/bartender

Band or DJ

10-15% or \$25-\$50 each

Transportation If it is not included in the contract,
15-20%

Hair & Make-Up

15-20%

Deliveries

\$10-\$20 each (but not necessary)

Photographer/Videographer

\$50-\$100 per shooter

Wedding Planner This is optional based on service, but offering a tip is a nice way of saying "thank you" for their efforts.

If you don't have the money to shell out on tips or a personal gift, there are a few gestures that will go a long way with your team of wedding pros. Send an email with a review, a handwritten thank-you note or a review on Yelp are great ways to show appreciation and offer something the vendor can use when booking future clients. Even better, refer your vendors to your friends — this gesture will go much further than a cash tip!