

Task of Bridal Party Members

BEST MAN

- Organizes the bachelor party/dinner
- Rents or purchases his own formal wear
- Drives groom to the ceremony
- Holds the bride's ring until the appropriate point in the ceremony
- Gives payment check to the officiant either just before or just after the ceremony (the money is customarily provided by the groom and his family)
- Gives payment check to other service providers, such as chauffeurs and reception coordinators (if the families wish him to)
- Returns the groom's attire (if rented)

MAID/MATRON of HONOR

- Helps the bride with addressing envelopes, recording wedding gifts, shopping, and other important pre-wedding tasks
- Arranges a bridal shower (with bridesmaids)
- Helps the bride dress for the ceremony (with bridesmaids)
- Pays for her own wedding attire
- Helps the bride arrange her train and veil at the altar
- Holds the groom's ring until the appropriate point in the ceremony
- Holds the bride's bouquet while she exchanges rings with the groom
- Signs the wedding certificate (with the best man) as a witness of the wedding
- Stands in the receiving line (optional)
- Assists the bride in any additional planning

BRIDESMAIDS

- Pay for their own wedding attire
- Help organize and run the bridal shower
- Keep a gift record at the shower (usually one bridesmaid only)
- Assist the maid of honor and the bride with pre-wedding shopping or other tasks
- Stand in the receiving line (optional)

USHERS

- Rent (or purchase) their own formal wear
- Arrive at the wedding location early to assist with set-up
- See to important finishing touches, such as lighting candles (if this is required), tying bows on reserved rows of seating, and other tasks as required
- Escort guests to their seats
- Meet, welcome, and seat guests of honor (such as grandparents)
- Roll out aisle runner immediately before processional
- Straighten up and clean after ceremony
- Oversee transfer of all gifts to a secure location after reception
- Help decorate the newlywed's car

GROOMSMEN

- Pay for their own wedding attire
- Help organize and run a party for the groom
- Greets guests as they arrive
- Close windows and check pews for programs or articles left behind after the ceremony
- Return all rented items to the vendor
- Dance with bridesmaids and other guests

FLOWER GIRL

- Her family pays for dress and accessories
- Last person down the aisle before the bride
- Sprinkles flower petals for the bride to walk on

RING BEARER

- His family pays for attire
- Precede the flower in the procession
- Carries the rings (faux) which are displayed on a satin pillow

MOTHER OF THE BRIDE

- Last person seated before the processional begins
- Helps the bride in choosing her gown and accessories and in assembling trousseau
- Helps the bride select bridesmaids' attire

- Coordinates her own attire with the mother of the groom
- Works with the bride and the groom's family to assemble a guest list and seating plan
- Help address and mail invitations
- Helps the attendants coordinate bridal shower
- Assist the bride with additional duties before the ceremony
- Occupy a place of honor at the ceremony
- Stand at the beginning of the receiving line
- Act as hostess of the reception
- Occupy a seat of honor at the parents table

FATHER OF THE BRIDE

- Escort bride down the aisle
- Pays for a portion of the ceremony
- Makes a toast during the reception
- May assist in transporting guests to and from airport
- Gives bride away during ceremony
- Dances with the bride
- Greets guests in receiving line
- Occupy a seat of honor at the parents table

MOTHER OF THE GROOM

- May help the bride in choosing her gown and accessories
- Coordinates her own attire with the mother of the bride
- Host and pays for an engagement party if necessary
- Host and pays for the rehearsal dinner
- May contribute to the wedding budget
- Greets guests in the receiving line
- Occupy a seat of honor at the parents table
- Dances with the groom

FATHER OF THE GROOM

- Host and pays for an engagement party if necessary

- Host and pays for the rehearsal dinner
- May contribute to the wedding budget
- Greets guests in the receiving line
- Occupy a seat of honor at the parents table
- Rents or purchases own formal wear
- Makes a toast during the reception
- Occupy a seat of honor at the parents table
- May escort wife to her seat right before the mother of the bride is seated