



## Colorado Wedding Vendor Tipping Guide

Make sure to have all final payments & tips in envelopes, labeled, & ready for us to deliver. Let us know if you would rather be the one to give them out. If so, we will hold onto them for you until the end of the night so you can personally hand them out.

**Band, Musicians or DJ** – Your band, musicians, or DJ most likely won't expect a tip, but if you feel they went above and beyond, you certainly should give them a tip. If you'd like to tip, send them a thank-you card with the tip enclosed at the end of the night or have your coordinator give it to them during the party. The standard is about \$50 to \$200 per onsite employee.

**Bartenders** – This is one area where gratuity is definitely expected. The rules of tipping are dictated by your contract. If the service fee is included, consider giving out extra cash if the service was exceptional. You can also allow a tip jar at your bar for your wedding so your guests can tip the bartenders! The standard is about \$50 to \$200 per bartender.

**Caterers** – The rules of tipping are dictated by your contract. If the service fee is included, consider giving out extra cash if the service was exceptional. The standard is about \$20 to \$100 per service staff member.

**Coordinator** – We don't expect tips, but if we kicked butt on your wedding day and you would like to show your appreciation, we love getting tips for our team members! We also appreciate things like professional photos of the wedding for our portfolio and a thank you card! We see tips from clients anywhere from \$50-\$200 per onsite employee.

**Desserts** – Dessert and cake artists do not typically receive tips, but if you feel they went above and beyond, you certainly should send them a tip. If you'd like to tip these pros, send them a thank-you card with the tip enclosed after the big day or have your coordinator give it to them after they set up your cake table. The standard is about \$20 to \$50.

**Florist** – Florists do not typically receive tips, but if you feel they went above and beyond for your wedding day setup, you certainly should send them a tip. If you'd like to tip these pros, send them a thank-you card with the tip enclosed after the big day or have your coordinator give it to them after they set up your florals and decorations. The standard is about \$20 to \$200. Lower tips for drop-offs only and higher tips for set-ups included.

**Hair & Makeup** – This is one area where gratuity is definitely expected. Tip between 15 to 25 percent just as you would in a hair salon, and consider giving a little extra if there's a crisis, like one of your bridesmaids has a meltdown over her curls and it requires a redo at the last minute.

**Officiant** – If your officiant is affiliated with a church, you're often expected to make a donation of some sort. Otherwise, a tip can be anywhere from \$20-\$50 but possibly more, depending on how much time they've spent with you leading up to the wedding.

**Photographers & Videographers** – You're not expected to give your photographer and videographer any money beyond their normal fees. But if the wedding photographer or videographer slayed at their job and kept things fun for you, consider tipping each person (or give a certain amount with a thank-you note to disperse to staff) anywhere from \$50-\$200.

**Photobooth** – Consider giving out extra cash if the service was exceptional. If the tip is not included in the bill, ask ahead of time how many attendants will be working your wedding and calculate on a per person basis. The standard is about \$20-\$50 per person.

**Transportation** – This is one area where gratuity is definitely expected. Again, check your contract, as gratuity is usually included. If it isn't, plan to tip provided they show up on time, provide a smooth ride and don't get lost. The standard is about 15-25% of your bill.

**Venue** – The venue manager most likely won't expect a tip. If your venue manager went above and beyond for your wedding, you can always tip \$20-\$100.