



## Select a gift that makes your graduate happy but doesn't break the bank

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Giving a graduation gift can be thoughtful for the graduate and kind to your wallet.  
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Some of your favorite people are graduating this year - from elementary school, from high school, and from college. It's both fun and moving to share graduation day moments with those who are special to you, and you can leave a lasting impression when you select a thoughtful gift to commemorate the occasion.

However, a well chosen gift does not have to leave a lasting impression on your bank account to be both valuable and memorable!

At [eHow](#), we are reminded that most graduates have big-ticket items in mind for their graduation gifts: car, money, vacation, computer and clothes. But even if your budget is small, you can still help finance your graduate's large purchases by giving a cash gift or gift certificate/card you can afford.

Other tips to consider, also from [eHow](#):

- **Buy a book.** Choose something related to the graduate's field of study, or something fun to read once school is over.
- **Consider a gift basket filled with gourmet food items.** For a college-bound high school graduate, fill a basket with college necessities such as notebooks, textbook highlighters, stationery, stamps, a prepaid phone card, etc.
- **Make a photo album filled with the graduate's memories.** Include photos, his or her graduation announcement and program, and clippings and memorabilia from high school or college years.
- **Give jewelry.** An elegant pair of earrings for a young woman, or a watch or gold tie tack for a young man, make lovely gifts.
- **Give a gift certificate to a music, clothing or book store if you're not sure what to buy.** Gift certificates are always welcome gifts and ensure that the graduate can pick something he or she really wants.

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