



HIGH
SCHOOL

Graduation

Gift Guide



You Made It!

**Your high school senior is about to graduate.
What an accomplishment!**

And what a milestone for your family. The K–12 years are over. New adventures await your student (college? a gap year? work? an apprenticeship?) — and perhaps a few new adventures for you, too.

First — it's time to celebrate! As you plan parties and other gatherings, you're also looking for that unique and very personal graduation gift.

Whether you'd like to present something memorable to your own child — or are looking for a gift that will work for their friends, or for a relative or godchild — enjoy browsing the ideas on the following pages.

Classic, practical, whimsical, high tech — there are gifts in every style and price range.

Find the one that's right for your very special high school grad!

Dorm Room

A home away from home

If your new college student will live in a residence hall, these items can help them create a comfy and attractive space.



Laundry bag

A unique or monogrammed laundry bag makes it fun to keep the room (and their clothes!) clean.

Essential oil diffuser or humidifier

A great way to keep the atmosphere healthy and welcoming.



Bedside Caddy

To keep everything they need right by their side.



Monogrammed towels

Help your student keep track of their towels in the community bathroom.



Reading pillow with pockets

So they can get cozy when studying or winding down.



Bedding set

Find sheets, blankets, comforters, pillow toppers and more on Amazon.



Lounge chair

A comfy seat is a must for hanging out with friends or relaxing!



Neon sign

Fun wall decor also provides ambient lighting.

Personalized Gifts

When you want them to remember who it's from!

A monogram or their name makes these gifts extra special.



Custom portrait of their pet

Leaving their furry companions is going to be hard! Give them a custom portrait to hang in their dorm room.



Coordinate jewelry

For a reminder of where home will always be. Lots of hand-stamped choices like this one on Etsy.



Monogrammed leather satchel or shoulder bag

They're ready for something more grown-up than that old backpack from high school.



Monogrammed Pouch

A custom gift they can use for cosmetics, school supplies, and so much more.



Metal bookmark

For the book lover!



Monogrammed stationery

For thank-you notes and staying in touch from afar. Lots of unique choices on Etsy and Minted.



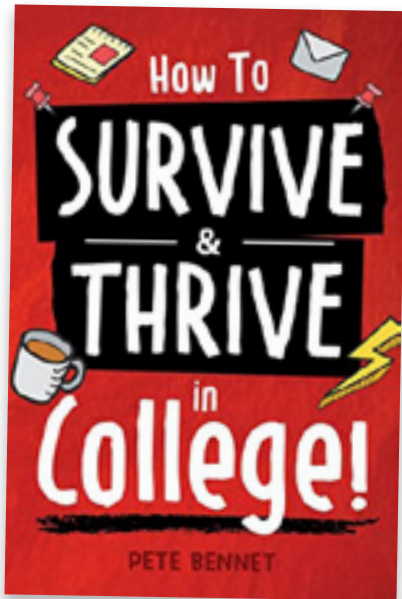
Leather catch-all

From Mark & Graham and others — an elegant way to organize odds and ends on a desktop or dresser. Add their initial.

Under \$25

Don't break the bank

Check out some memorable and affordable graduation gift ideas:



A book filled with advice

There are numerous books filled with helpful advice for young adults.

Charging laptop backpack

To carry their school supplies and stay connected during the day.



Games

A great ice breaker for new college friendships.



Insulated Water Bottle

Perfect for carrying hot and cold drinks to early morning classes or late night study sessions.



A cookbook

Choose one that matches your grad's living situation.



Mini panini press

For quick breakfast sandwiches and yummy grilled cheeses, the possibilities are endless.

Academic planner

They'll definitely appreciate this when school starts.

Electronics

It's time to upgrade

Make sure your college-bound student has the tech to stay ahead of the curve in class (and in touch with the family).

Software

Design, antivirus, and cloud backup (because if their computer is going to crash, it will definitely be right before an important assignment is due).



Laptop

For studying on the go — Best Buy has great deals!



External hard drive

Back up the important assignments.



Noise-cancelling headphones

Dorms can get noisy. Help your student focus and study.



iPad

If your student prefers to take notes by hand but wants to stay organized.



GoPro

To capture all those college moments.

Smart speaker

They can use the virtual assistant to play music, set alarms, check the weather, order food, and so much more!



Cooking

The basics for a student kitchen

Be sure to research what they can and can't bring to campus before buying any of the following useful gifts:



Electric kettle

This glass kettle works like a charm and has temperature adjustments so whatever they make comes out just right.



Air fryer

For late-night snacking or some quick cooking.



Dish set or silverware

Unbreakable easy to clean dinnerware is a must.



Coffee maker

Compact coffee makers or a French press are great gifts for small spaces.



Single-serving smoothie blender

A personal-sized blender is a quick, nutritious solution for your student's busy lifestyle.



Water purifying pitcher

Keep your student hydrated!

Gift Cards and Subscription Boxes

Gifts they'll actually use

Gift cards and subscription boxes feel more personal than cash and can even be downright creative.

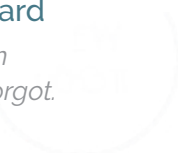


Ikea, Target, or Amazon gift card

Help them decorate their new dorm room or grab any essentials they forgot.

Restaurant or movie theater gift card

Gift cards to going-out spots make it easy and fun to explore their new college town!



Grooming subscription box

Help them stay on top of their personal care.

Campus Cube

With options from snacks to wellness, they'll get something useful each month.

International Snack subscription

Keep their snack drawer stocked.

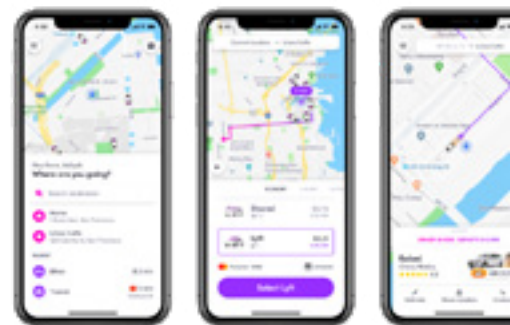


Instacart Gift Card

From groceries to household items to electronics, they can get whatever they need.

Get a ride

Get your student a gift card for Uber or Lyft so they always make it home safely.



“Real Adult”

Give practical gifts

Your student may never think to ask for these items, but they'll certainly come in handy.



Compact tool set

Find great values on Amazon!



Luggage set

For traveling and weekend visits home.



Dorm room safe

Help them keep their valuables secure while they're in class.



Wallet

Being able to clip their keys to their wallet is game-changing.



Multi-Purpose Vacuum

For all the big and small messes they may encounter.

Professional clothes

Take them shopping for a professional outfit for internship and campus job interviews.



Experiences

When cash alone just won't cut it

Help your student make a memory that will last forever!



Travel voucher

Help them discover a new country — contribute to a dream trip with friends or solo backpacking adventure.

Road trip

Maybe they'd rather explore the good ol' USA. They need guidebooks, a membership to AAA, and a hotel gift card (or new camping gear if that's more their style).



Take a leap

A sky-diving experience is perfect for both a bold grad and more timid one. If they can jump out of a plane, they can do anything.



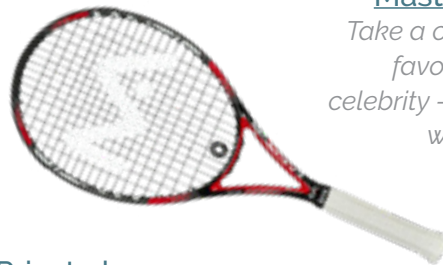
Class Pass Subscription

From fitness to wellness, to beauty, ClassPass has something for everyone!



Concert, play or sports tickets

Live performances will return this summer to some extent! Surprise them with tickets to a play or game or a chance to see their favorite band in concert.



Private lessons

With high school behind them, your grad has time to cultivate a new talent. Voice, guitar, tennis, art — let their dreams be your guide to the perfect choice.

Masterclass subscription

Take a class together from your favorite scholar, scientist or celebrity — cooking, storytelling, wellness, art and more.





Somewhere amidst the events, gifts and guests, take time to slow it all down. Maybe you sit on the couch with your student and look through their baby photo albums. Or you go for a dog walk, or a drive with the car windows down. Just a short one (they have places to go and people to see!). Talk a bit about nothing...and everything.

Savor the last few moments of this childhood chapter and know that the best is yet to come.

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