

# Thoughtful Graduation Gifts

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**THOUGHTFUL  
GRADUATION  
GIFTS**



The dilemma: What do I give a student who is graduating from High School or college? It may be your own son or daughter, a niece or a nephew, a neighbor, a friend or a grandchild. No matter who the graduate is in your life, the search for the perfect gift can be difficult and sometimes even frustrating. I had a son graduate from high school two years ago and my daughter will graduate this year. We decided that we would give them a lap top computer for their graduations. It is something that they are going to need anyway as they head off

to college. We are practical people, but we cannot afford to give everyone we know a laptop.

Here is a list of some fun ideas to give the graduate in your life.

**The sentimental gift:** give something that will be a keepsake.

- A scrapbook: fill the pages with school pictures, class pictures and school activities or sports.
- A t-shirt quilt: assemble those old T-shirts into a great memory quilt
- A quilt or blanket in the schools colors
- Personalized jewelry/ watch
- “Oh the Places you will Go” by Dr. Suess

**Gifts for the College bound and practical:**

- Lap top computer
- Printer
- Messenger Bag/Backpack
- Bicycle (to get around campus)
- Alarm clock (iHome)
- Portable Speakers
- Noise cancelling headphones
- Monogrammed Towels
- Interview Attire
- College Apparel

**Fun Gifts:**

- Camera
- Luggage
- Smart phone
- Candy Bar Poster
- Gift basket

...and last but not least.

**Money:** give it in a fun and creative way.

- Gift cards
- Book store credit

- In a chocolate box
- In a tissue box
- In case of emergency break glass
- Money tree
- Money book

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