

GIFTS 101: OK vs. NOT OK

These are the general rules for knowing whether you can accept gifts while serving in your role at VCU.

These are usually OK:

Promotional items

Flowers

Small amounts of food

Common Sense Still Applies

If your gift seems expensive (worth more than \$20), or just doesn't seem "right," double-check by calling someone in the know.

These are NEVER OK (but are real-life examples):

Cash

Cash equivalents (like gift cards or tickets)

High-value gifts (like expensive jewelry)

Cars

Country club memberships

Vacations

Any gift from third-party vendors

Still unsure? Just ask!

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