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How to Complete a Gift Affidavit

Sworn Proof That Money, a Vehicle, or Property Was a Gift

INSTRUCTIONS — KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS. DO NOT ATTACH THIS PAGE TO YOUR GIFT AFFIDAVIT.

About this form. When you give money, a car, or other property to a family member or friend, banks, the DMV, schools, and foreign authorities sometimes ask for a **sworn statement** that it was truly a gift, with nothing paid in return. This affidavit documents the gift. For a mortgage down payment, use the separate Gift Letter for Mortgage instead.

1. **Fill in the donor and recipient**
   Use full legal names and the donor's address, and describe the relationship.
2. **Describe the gift**
   For money, give the amount and how it was given. For a vehicle, copy the VIN and plate from the title and registration.
3. **Enter the date, value, and purpose**
   State when the gift was made, its approximate value, and why the affidavit is needed.
4. **Confirm there was no payment**
   Sign only if nothing was paid in return. If anything was paid, it is a sale, not a gift.
5. **Sign under oath in front of a notary**
   The donor signs. Do **not** sign ahead of time. Bring a current government-issued photo ID. We come to you.
6. **Use it with the agency's forms**
   Give the affidavit to the bank, agency, or person who requested it, along with any forms they require.

Good to Know

- For vehicle gifts, the DMV also uses its own forms (such as a Statement of Facts) and a signed title. Check DMV requirements.
- Large gifts may require the donor to file a federal gift tax return. A tax advisor can confirm.
- Gifts of real estate require a deed, such as a Grant Deed or Quitclaim Deed, not this affidavit.

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YOUR FORM BEGINS ON THE NEXT PAGE

GIFT AFFIDAVIT

Sworn Statement of a Gift of Money, Vehicle, or Property

State of California)

County of _____) ss.

I, the undersigned donor, being first duly sworn according to law, depose and say:

1. Donor and recipient.

_____ _____

(full name of donor — person giving the gift) (donor's address)

_____ _____

(full name of recipient) (relationship to donor, e.g., son, sister)

2. The gift (mark one and describe):

☐ **Money** in the amount of $_____, given by _____ (check, transfer, cash).

☐ **Vehicle or vessel:**

_____ _____ _____

Year / make / model Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) or HIN License plate

☐ **Other property:**

_____

(description, including serial numbers)

_____ _____ _____

(date of the gift) (approximate fair market value) (purpose, e.g., DMV transfer, bank, embassy)

3. No payment. This is a **gift**. I did not receive and will not receive any money, goods, services, or other payment for it, and the recipient has no obligation, expressed or implied, to repay it. I was the lawful owner of the gift, with the right to give it, free of any liens or claims except: _____ (write "none" if none).

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on _____ , at _____

(date) (city and state)

_____ _____

(signature of donor) (printed name)

Sign only in front of the notary, who will place you under oath and complete the jurat on the next page.

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JURAT

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California)

County of _____)

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on this _____ day of _____ , 20 _____

by _____

(name(s) of signer(s))

proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) who appeared before me.

(Seal)

Signature _____