

How to fill out Gift Letter (non-family) — Vehicle Gift Letter - Non-Immediate Family Members

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Rhode Island · written against Gift Letter (non-family) (no revision printed), issued under RI Division of Taxation, gift exemption outside immediate family

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The same gift, one step outside the family, and Rhode Island wants two things for it that the family version does not need: a notary, and a second document. The letter itself is shorter than the family one - there is no plate block on it at all - and its own note explains why it never travels alone.

This sheet is not the form. Download the blank Gift Letter (non-family) from the Rhode Island Division of Motor Vehicles at <https://dmv.ri.gov/media/1831/download?f=ri-gift-letter-nonfamily.pdf> — always take the current revision from the agency rather than a copy. Print this and keep it beside you while you complete theirs.

Every line, in the order you meet it

1	YOU	Date of gift	The head of the letter, and it has to match the date sworn on the SU 87-65. Watch out: Fill both documents in at the same sitting. Two dates for one gift is the easiest way to have the Excise Tax Section ask questions.
2	YOU	Print the recipient's name	The first block on this letter, and printed name only - the recipient does not sign here. Watch out: Their sworn signature belongs on the SU 87-65, which is the affidavit the Division of Taxation actually relies on. This sheet is the covering letter.
3	YOU	The vehicle block	The year, make and model, the identification number, and the mileage. Watch out: Copy the identification number from the certificate or the registration and check it against the car. It appears again on the SU 87-65 and the two have to agree.
4	YOU	Print and sign as the person gifting	Two rules near the foot, with the two-owner instruction on both. Watch out: Do not sign until you are in front of the notary. A signature that predates the notarisation is what an inked commission stamp is there to prevent.
5	OTHER	The notary completes the block at the foot	Signature, printed name, commission expiration date and today's date. Watch out: Rhode Island notaries require an inked stamp - the heading says so on the form. An embossed impression alone is refused at the counter.
6	YOU	Attach the SU 87-65	The Affidavit of Gift of Motor Vehicle, sworn by the person receiving the car. Watch out: The note on this letter is not a suggestion: an Affidavit of Gift of Motor Vehicle (SU 87-65) is required in addition to the Vehicle Gift Letter. One without the other is an incomplete claim.

What gets this one rejected

- An un-notarised letter. The DMV's tax page requires a signed and notarized letter of gift for a transfer outside immediate family, and the notary block on this sheet is not optional.
- A notary who embosses without inking. The heading over the block says Rhode Island notaries require an inked stamp.
- This letter on its own. Its own note is explicit: an Affidavit of Gift of Motor Vehicle (SU 87-65) is required in addition to the Vehicle Gift Letter.
- A plate written on to it. There is no plate block here, and the note says a separate plate gift letter must be used for non-immediate family members.
- A commission expiration date left blank, which every Rhode Island form carrying a notary block treats as mandatory.
- Using it for a spouse, parent, stepparent, child, step-child, sibling or step-sibling - those are the immediate-family letter's, and it needs no notary.

☒ Amber is what you write ☐ Grey is a block somebody else completes The completed example follows overleaf.

Read off Gift Letter (non-family) (no revision printed) and the Rhode Island Division of Motor Vehicles's own pages, current as of 2026-08-23. Plain-language help with a form, not legal advice — where this and the agency differ, the agency governs.

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VEHICLE GIFT LETTER

(NON-IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS)

1 DATE OF GIFT: 08/22/2026

NAME OF THE PERSON(S) RECEIVING THE VEHICLE

2 Caspian V. Almonte

NAME OF RECIPIENT(S) (PRINT)

VEHICLE INFORMATION

3 2015

YEAR

Kia

MAKE

Soul

MODEL

KNDJP3A53F7619204

VIN NUMBER

71,406

MILEAGE

NAME OF THE PERSON(S) GIFTING THE VEHICLE

Lucienne R. Sirois

FULL NAME (PRINT) - IF TWO (2) OWNERS, BOTH MUST PRINT

SIGNATURE - IF TWO (2) OWNERS, BOTH MUST SIGN

IMPORTANT

- An Affidavit of Gift of Motor Vehicle (SU 87-65) is required in addition to the Vehicle Gift Letter.
- A separate plate gift letter **must** be used for non-immediate family members.

NOTARY PUBLIC

(Rhode Island notaries require an inked stamp)

NOTARY PUBLIC SIGNATURE

Marguerite Vandal

NOTARY PUBLIC PRINTED NAME

03/31/2029

COMMISSION EXPIRATION DATE

08/22/2026

TODAY'S DATE

ALL FIELDS MUST BE COMPLETED. ANY ALTERATIONS, ERASURES OR WHITE-OUT WILL VOID THIS GIFT LETTER.