



## Thanks, Pal

- You may accept a gift from an outside source if it's clear the gift is motivated by a family relationship or personal friendship rather than your postal position. Relevant factors include the history of the relationship and whether the family member or friend personally pays for the gift.
- For example, a postal employee is dating an individual employed by Company X as an administrative assistant. Company X does business with the Postal Service. Company X provides the administrative assistant with two tickets to the opera for administrative professionals' week. The Postal Service employee is invited to go along. It's OK to accept because such a gift is motivated by the personal relationship between the postal employee and the administrative assistant.

Ethical gift-giving helps preserve the public's trust in USPS.

And that's smart business.

*Contact the Ethics Office ([ethics.help@usps.gov](mailto:ethics.help@usps.gov)) for guidance on gifts.*