

Dear [Friend's Name],

I hope this message finds you well and excited about your upcoming birthday! I wanted to write and let you know how sorry I am that I won't be able to join your celebration this year.

Unfortunately, I have a prior commitment that I can't get out of on the same day as your party. I was really looking forward to catching up with everyone and celebrating with you, and I'm genuinely disappointed to miss out on all the fun.

Even though I won't be able to be there in person, I'll be thinking of you and wishing you an amazing birthday filled with laughter, love, and wonderful memories. Let's plan to meet up soon so I can hear all about the party and give you your gift in person!

Hope you have a fantastic time, and a very happy birthday!

With warm wishes,  
[Your Name]