

Secret Sis Society 2.0 [2025]

Official Rules:

- This society is exclusively for females with Ataxia
- You can only be in ONE [this one] SS Society group.
- YOUR SECRET SISTER (SS) MUST REMAIN A SECRET UNTIL CHRISTMAS/END OF THE YEAR!
 - We follow a useful "Don't ask, don't tell" policy: Please don't ask ANY sister who their SS is AND don't tell ANY sister who your SS is. (This prevents potential awkward situations and maintains the surprise factor - the less potentials you can eliminate, the more surprised you'll be.)
 - Also, don't directly contact your SS or let them know you "have" them. (There has been some confusion in the past.)
- Send your SS gifts all year on various holidays, etc.
 - You can send gifts more often than "various holidays" (like once/month MAX), but you should definitely send something on all major holidays, your SS's birthday, and her anniversary. (if applicable).
 - There's a list of holiday SUGGESTIONS at the "Other Info" link, but they are merely suggestions.
 - If your SS is in another country, be aware of their different holiday dates (e.g. Mother's Day, Independence Day, etc). You can also find these on the "Other Info" link.
 - Gifts should range between \$5-\$25 based on the holiday, how often you send them, and your financial ability. Please don't put yourself in a bad/worse financial situation to give a gift!
 - If you can't send a holiday gift because of a financial issue, please notify Omega and she'll let your SS know. It's not a huge deal (as long as you let us know) - we all understand!

◦ You can always send a card (via 'real' mail) to your SS to let them know you're thinking of them.

- If you mail a card or package/gift from your house, use a relative's or friend's address for the return address spot - no name. Preferably, use an address that's not in your state. (Feel free to use mine!) This way, you are not giving anything away to your SS! (It's understood we won't search for the postmarks or other identifying info - why ruin the surprise?) Please post a picture of the gifts you RECEIVE from your SS in our FB group chat, Secret Sister Society 2.0. This not only allows you to express gratitude to your unknown SS for your thoughtful gifts, but it also lets all the Sisters see what you got! It's appreciated if you can post your picture & "thank you" within 24 hours of receiving the gift.
- You MUST participate/CHAT in the Secret Sisters Society 2.0 FB group chat besides just showing what you've received. If, for some reason, you will be away from chat for an extended period of time, please let your admin know. (Failure to follow this rule may result in you being removed from Secret Sisters Society 2.0 during the current year and will absolutely result in your removal the following year. *)

Other Notes:

- You've agreed to participate in this awesome thing, so please don't let your SS down.
- We now have a website and electronic form that will make filling out your initial form easier, plus finding SS rules and info [But, if you've already done your form via email, that's ok.]

* The starred rule/consequence may seem unduly harsh. However, it has previously been unanimously voted on by the core members of the Society. Group participation and chat is required since a focus of the Society is getting to know each other. Additionally, four years of experience as admin of the group has shown me that sisters that participate in the group chat also are more likely to participate in the gift exchange, whereas the opposite is also true.

- For the new girls: Why would you message the admin [Omega]? You may want to send messages to Omega to send to your SS such as: "Tell her a birthday package should arrive Thursday"; or a sweet I'm thinking of you. I will also deal with: "My SS should've received something three days ago, but she never posted it. Can you find out what's going on?"
- If, for some reason, you find out who your SS is (like they accidentally have her name on an invoice), keep playing & act like you don't know!
- Though it's mandatory, participation in group chat is also beneficial. You must use it to show off your gifts, but it's also nice to meet / get to better know everyone in our little group and just chat when you need a friend or have something on your mind. You can learn more about everyone, including your current SS (& any future SS), so you can buy them more thoughtful gifts; at the same time, your SS learns more about you! The "family" aspect is a big part of the reason for Secret Sisters and why the group was started in the first place! Please be respectful of all the sisters and follow "Vegas Rules." What happens in SS Society 2.0, stays in SS Society 2.0!
- If for any reason, at any time during the year, you find you cannot or just do not want to participate any longer, please inform Omega ASAP so she can make other arrangements to ensure your SS continues receiving gifts throughout the year.

Thank you!