Household Chore Options for 16+ year-olds

These are chores or responsibilities for the household and family.

Household Cleaning:	Food/ Meals:
 Sweep the floor Collect and take out the trash Sort and take out recycling Dust Clean bathroom sink/counters/toilet Kitchen cleanup − wipe down refrigerator shelves, microwave, oven Vacuum floors Vacuum furniture Water plants or flowers Wash dishes, pots and pans in the sink Load and unload the dishwasher, put away dishes Mop the floor Wash windows and mirrors 	 □ Put away groceries □ Go grocery shopping □ Organize the pantry □ Make dinner (x ? nights per week) □ Make breakfast/lunch □ Clean up after dinner, clean table and counters □ Help with dinner preparations □ Clear table space and set the table □ Scrape dishes into trash and put in dishwasher/sink □ Transfer leftover food into Tupperware containers □ Wash the table after meals □ Pack lunch for school □ Unload/empty lunch box, putting items away or in sink/dishwasher
Laundry:	Family Relationships:
☐ Fold clean laundry and put away☐ Hang up wet laundry☐ Do the laundry (wash, dry, fold)	 Help a younger sibling with life skills as needed (zip coat, put away toys, choose outfit, etc.) Help younger siblings with homework or schoolwork
Pets:	Babysit or mother's helper. Be responsible for younger siblings. Play games, read, or
☐ Feed pet and clean up after pet☐ Clean cage/tank☐ Walk the pet, exercise	play (not just watch TV) Complete the chore by mentoring or modeling for a younger sibling (ultimately the 16+ year old is responsible for the task)



Outdoor:	Add Your Own – Add chores that work for your specific family and living situation. For example, if you live on a farm, your teen may collect chicken eggs.
 □ Rake leaves and/or scoop leaf piles into bags □ Blow leaves □ Shovel snow – clear the walkway or driveway □ Clean snow off the car □ Water plants/flowers □ Pull weeds □ Clean the car – vacuum, wipe windows □ Organize shed, garage, or other areas as designated □ Mow the lawn and other landscaping, 	
move brush, trim hedges	



