

# Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskole



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Liberia. I just finished primary school in Denmark and am now considering what my next step should be. I'm fluent in Danish.

What educational path would you recommend for me?

That's a great question — and it's great that you're thinking carefully about your future already. Since you've just finished primary school in Denmark and you're fluent in Danish, you have several good options depending on your interests, strengths, and long-term goals.

## Overview of Your Options in Denmark (after 9th or 10th grade)

In Denmark, the main educational paths after primary school are:

### 1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

If you're interested in academic studies and possibly going to university, this is a strong path.

#### Main types:

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen)** – Broad academic education (science, languages, social sciences).
- **HHX (Højere handelseksamen)** – Focus on business and economics.
- **HTX (Højere teknisk eksamen)** – Focus on technology and natural sciences.
- **HF (Højere forberedelseksamen)** – Shorter (2-year) general education, often for students who need a more practical/less intense option.

**Recommended if:** You like school subjects, want to go to university, and aren't sure exactly what you want yet.

### 2. Erhvervsuddannelse (Vocational Education and Training, EUD)

This combines school and work. You learn a trade (e.g., carpenter, electrician, hairdresser, childcare assistant, etc.).

#### Structure:

- 20–30 weeks in school first, then apprenticeship.
- You earn money during the apprenticeship!

**Recommended if:** You want to work with your hands, start earning earlier, or learn a clear skill/job.

### 3. Kombineret Forløb (EUX)

This combines vocational training **and** upper secondary (gymnasial) education. You get both a trade and the ability to study at university later.

 **Recommended if:** You're ambitious and want both hands-on skills and academic options.

## What Should *You* Consider?

### Your Strengths:

- Do you enjoy academic subjects (like math, science, literature)?
- Or are you more practical and like doing things hands-on?

### Your Goals:

- Do you want to go to university?
- Do you want to start earning money sooner?
- Are you passionate about a specific job (e.g., becoming a nurse, technician, programmer)?

### Social and Cultural Factors:

As someone with a Liberian background, your family might also have goals or expectations that matter to you — such as higher education or steady employment. It's worth discussing with them too.

## Some Paths to Consider Based on Different Interests:

Your Interest	Recommended Path	Possible Careers
Academic subjects	STX or HF	Doctor, Lawyer, Teacher, Psychologist
Business/economy	HHX	Accountant, Manager, Entrepreneur
Technology, IT, science	HTX or EUX	Engineer, Programmer, Technician
Hands-on trades	EUD or EUX	Electrician, Mechanic, Hairdresser
Helping people	HF + Social/Health education	Nurse, Social worker, Pedagogue

### Final Tips:

- **Talk to your school counselor** (studievejleder) – they can help you explore local options and visit schools.
- **Visit schools or open houses** to see what feels right.
- **Try 10th grade (10. klasse)** if you're unsure – it gives you time to decide and improves your academic skills.

If you tell me more about what you enjoy (subjects, hobbies, future dreams), I can give even more specific advice. Want to do that?