

Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskolen



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Barbados. 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?

Thank you for sharing a bit about yourself — that helps a lot. Since you're 16, finished primary school (I assume you mean *folkeskolen*), and you're fluent in Danish, let's talk about your options in Denmark's education system and what could fit depending on your interests.

1 First, a quick overview of your main options after *folkeskolen*:

Path	Description	Good for...
Gymnasiale uddannelser (Upper secondary school)	3-year academic programs that prepare for university	If you enjoy academic subjects, want broad knowledge, or are aiming for university.
Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational education)	2-5 year programs that combine school + apprenticeship	If you prefer practical skills, want to start working sooner, or have a trade/profession in mind.
Kombinerede forløb (EUX)	Combines vocational training with academic studies	If you want both hands-on training and the option to continue studying later.

2 Some questions to help narrow down the path:

- Do you enjoy theoretical/academic subjects (math, history, languages, etc)?
- Or do you prefer practical work (mechanics, design, IT, hospitality, etc)?
- Are you thinking about university or more about getting a job and earning earlier?
- Do you want to study in Denmark only, or consider international opportunities (Barbados, EU, etc)?

3 Example paths depending on your interests:

If you like school and want to keep your options open → STX, HHX or HTX

- **STX (Almen gymnasium):** Broad academic education (Danish, science, languages, humanities).
- **HHX:** Focus on business, economics, and languages.
- **HTX:** Focus on technology, science, IT.

If you want to work with your hands or have a trade → Erhvervsuddannelse

- Examples: electrician, carpenter, chef, IT-supporter, healthcare worker.
- Denmark has excellent apprenticeship programs and strong job markets for many trades.

If you want a mix → EUX

- You get both vocational training and the right to enter university.
 - Very good if you're unsure and want to keep doors open.
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4 As a young person with a Caribbean background

Sometimes having an international identity opens extra opportunities:

- Consider learning more languages (English you likely already know, but maybe Spanish, French, or German).
 - Denmark also offers international programs (IB - International Baccalaureate) if you want an international environment.
 - Later you could study or work in both Denmark and Barbados/the Caribbean/EU.
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5 My personal recommendation (based on limited info so far):

If you're academically strong and unsure, **STX or EUX** would be a safe and flexible choice.

If you already know you prefer practical work, **EUX or a straight vocational program** could be excellent.

If you are very business-minded, **HHX** could be perfect.

👉 If you tell me a bit more about your interests, I can give you a much more specific recommendation.

Shall we?

- What are your favorite subjects?
- Do you enjoy school?
- Do you already have a dream job or industry?