

ChatGPT



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

Thanks for sharing a bit about yourself — it's great that you're thinking carefully about your future. At 16, in Denmark, you're at a key decision point in your education. Since you've finished primary school (likely "folkeskole"), you now have several options for your next step. The best path depends on your interests, strengths, and future goals. Here's a breakdown of the main educational paths available in Denmark after folkeskole, along with recommendations based on different goals:

🎓 1. General Upper Secondary Education (Gymnasiale uddannelser)

This is a good choice if you're academically inclined and think you might want to go to university later.

Main options:

- **STX** (studentereksamen): Focuses on general academic subjects like humanities, science, and social sciences.
- **HHX** (Higher Commercial Examination): Business, economics, and marketing focused.
- **HTX** (Higher Technical Examination): Focus on science and technology.
- **HF** (Higher Preparatory Examination): A 2-year program, good for students who want a shorter academic track or didn't get high enough grades for STX/HTX/HHX.

Recommended if:

- You like schoolwork, theory, and exams.
- You're not sure what you want to be, but think university could be interesting.
- You want a broader foundation and to keep many doors open.

🔧 2. Vocational Education and Training (EUD/Erhvervsuddannelse)

This is ideal if you prefer hands-on learning and want to start working or doing an apprenticeship soon.

Examples of careers:

- Electrician
- Mechanic
- Carpenter
- Healthcare worker
- Hairdresser

- Chef

Recommended if:

- You prefer practical work to theory.
- You want to start earning money sooner.
- You're interested in a skilled trade or service job.

3. EUX – Combination of Vocational and Academic Education

This is a special track where you can both learn a trade and get a studentereksamen (like STX), giving you access to university later.

Recommended if:

- You're ambitious and want both practical skills **and** the option for higher education.
- You're interested in business, tech, or healthcare fields especially.

Advice based on your background:

Since you're fluent in Danish and born in Denmark, you likely don't face language barriers. That's a big strength. Also, being of Burkinabe heritage gives you a multicultural perspective — something valuable in many fields like international business, social work, healthcare, or education.

Questions to consider:

1. **Do you enjoy schoolwork and learning theoretical subjects?**
 - Yes → Consider STX, HHX, or HTX.
2. **Do you like working with your hands or being active?**
 - Yes → EUD or EUX could be great.
3. **Do you want to start working and earning sooner, or study longer for more career options?**
 - Want to work sooner → EUD.
 - Want more options → Gymnasial or EUX.

My Personal Recommendation (based on what you've shared):

If you're still unsure of what exactly you want to do, I'd recommend **STX** or **EUX**. They give you flexibility to decide later and access to many future options, including university. If you have a specific interest — like tech (HTX) or business (HHX) — those paths are also excellent.

Would you like help figuring out your interests or strengths? I can guide you through that too.