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I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Burundi. 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 that—you're at an exciting point in life! Since you've just finished primary school in Denmark (which typically ends after 9th or 10th grade), your next step would be **youth education** ("ungdomsuddannelse"), which includes a few main options depending on your interests, academic strengths, and future goals.

Here's a clear breakdown of the main educational paths in Denmark after primary school:

🎓 1. General Upper Secondary Education (Gymnasiale uddannelser)

These are for you if you enjoy academic subjects and might want to go to university later.

- **STX (Almen studentereksamen):** Broad academic focus (sciences, social sciences, humanities). Most common.
- **HHX (Højere handelseksamen):** Business and economics focus.
- **HTX (Højere teknisk eksamen):** Science and technology focus.
- **HF (Højere forberedelseseksamen):** Shorter (2 years), more practical, good if you want to go to university later but don't want a 3-year program.

Recommended if:
You're academically interested and think university might be in your future.

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

This path prepares you for a trade or profession (e.g. electrician, carpenter, hairdresser, social worker).

- Often includes a mix of school and apprenticeship.
- Takes about 3-5 years depending on the program.

Recommended if:
You want a hands-on job and prefer learning by doing, rather than only academic subjects.

🎨 3. Combination Programs (EUX)

EUX is a mix between vocational training and general upper secondary education.

- You get both a vocational qualification *and* a studentereksamen, so you can both work in a trade or go to university.
- A bit more demanding, but opens many doors.

Recommended if:
You like practical learning but still want to keep university as an option.

🔎 So What Should You Choose?

To help you decide, ask yourself:

1. **Do I enjoy studying academic subjects like math, science, literature?**
   - → Go for **STX, HHX, HTX**, or **HF**.
2. **Do I prefer learning practical skills and working with my hands?**
   - → Consider **EUD**.
3. **Do I want both options—practical and academic?**
   - → **EUX** could be ideal.
4. **Do I have a career goal already?**
   - For example, if you want to become a doctor, engineer, or lawyer, you'll need to go through the **gymnasiale** route and then university.

🌱 Extra Advice for You Personally:

Since you are fluent in Danish and have roots in both Denmark and Burundi, you could eventually aim for careers in:

- **Healthcare or social work** (helping communities both locally and internationally)
- **Technology or engineering** (lots of demand in Denmark and globally)
- **Business and entrepreneurship** (possibly connecting Denmark and East Africa in trade or development)

But no pressure to decide all that now. The next step is just choosing the **right youth education** for your interests and strengths.

If you tell me more about:

- What subjects you like or dislike
- If you have any dream jobs
- Whether you like practical or theoretical learning

... I can give a more personal recommendation!

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