

# ChatGPT



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Eritrea. 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 big and exciting step—congrats on finishing primary school! Since you're 16 and in Denmark, you're at the stage where you choose between several different youth education paths (ungdomsuddannelser), depending on your interests, strengths, and future plans. I'll walk you through the main options and help you think through what might fit you best.

## Main Educational Paths After Primary School in Denmark:

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

These prepare you for higher education (university or college). They usually take 3 years.


- **STX (Almen studentereksamen)** – broad academic program (good if you're not sure yet what you want to study later).
- **HHX (Højere Handelseksamen)** – focus on business, economics, marketing.
- **HTX (Højere Teknisk Eksamen)** – focus on science, technology, IT, and engineering.
- **HF (Højere Forberedelseksamen)** – a 2-year option, often for more mature students or those who didn't go directly from 9th grade.

 *Recommended if:* You're academically interested, want to go to university, or are still exploring your interests.

### 2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training - EUD)


These combine school and apprenticeship. You learn a trade or profession (e.g., electrician, chef, social care assistant, carpenter, IT support, etc.)

- You spend time both in school and working in a real company.
- Takes around 3.5 to 4 years.
- Afterward, you can either start working or continue to a professional college.

 *Recommended if:* You like practical, hands-on work and want to get into the workforce more quickly, or possibly run your own business later.

### 3. Kombinerede forløb / EUX

This is a mix of academic (like gymnasiet) and vocational training (like EUD). You get both a studentereksamen and a trade qualification.

 *Recommended if:* You want both options—get a job or go to university.

## How to Choose?

Ask yourself a few key questions:

1. **Do you enjoy academic subjects (e.g., math, languages, science)?**
  - If yes → STX, HHX, or HTX could be good.
2. **Do you enjoy practical work more than sitting in a classroom?**
  - If yes → Vocational education (EUD or EUX) might be better.
3. **Do you already have a career dream (e.g., doctor, engineer, chef, entrepreneur)?**
  - That helps narrow it down a lot. Let me know your ideas if you have any.
4. **Do you want to start working earlier or study longer?**
  - Vocational = quicker path to work. Gymnasium = longer path, more university-based.

## Example Paths for Different Interests:

Interest	Suggested Path	Reason
Medicine or Science	STX or HTX	Required for university and medical school.
Business/Marketing	HHX	Focused on economics and international trade.
Working with people (health care, child care, elderly)	EUD or EUX	Programs like SOSU-assistent or pedagogue assistant.
IT or Engineering	HTX or EUD in IT	Strong focus on technology.
Skilled trades (e.g., electrician, mechanic)	EUD or EUX	Direct path to skilled jobs.
Not sure yet	STX or HF	Broad and keeps many doors open.

## A Note on Your Background

Being Danish-Eritrean and fluent in Danish is a big strength. Denmark needs more people from diverse backgrounds in all fields—whether that's medicine, education, politics, business, or skilled trades. You could be a role model wherever you go.

## Next Steps:

1. **Talk to a vejleder (education counselor)** at your school or Ungdommens Uddannelsesvejledning (UU-center).
2. **Visit open house events** at gymnasiums or vocational schools near you.

3. **Try a short internship** (praktik) if you're interested in a trade or job area.
  4. **Ask people around you**—family, teachers, or role models—what they did and why.
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If you tell me more about your interests, favorite school subjects, or career dreams, I can give you a much more specific recommendation.