

ChatGPT



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Ethiopia. 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—it's a great place to start. Since you've just finished primary school in Denmark, you're at a big decision point that can shape your future. I'll give you a clear overview of your options in the Danish education system and help you think through what might be a good fit based on your interests, strengths, and goals.

Your Main Options After Primary School in Denmark

After 9th or 10th grade, most students in Denmark choose one of these paths:

1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These programs are for you if you're interested in further academic studies (e.g., university).

- **STX (Alment Gymnasium):** Broad academic focus – includes languages, sciences, and humanities. Ideal if you're still figuring out your interests.
- **HTX (Teknisk Gymnasium):** Focus on science, technology, and innovation. Great if you like subjects like physics, chemistry, or IT.
- **HHX (Handelsgymnasium):** Focus on business, economics, and marketing. Good choice if you're into entrepreneurship or finance.
- **HF (Højere Forberedelseseksamen):** A shorter, more flexible option (2 years). Often for students who want to get into vocational training or teacher/nursing education.

 Good if:

- You want to go to university
- You enjoy academic subjects
- You're still exploring your interests

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training - EUD)

These combine school and practical training in a workplace (like an apprenticeship).

Fields include:

- **Electrician, carpenter, mechanic, chef, hairdresser**

- **Healthcare, child care, social work (SOSU)**

 Good if:

- You prefer hands-on work
- You want to start earning earlier
- You like the idea of a skilled trade

Bonus: Some vocational programs also let you continue to higher education later if you change your mind.

3. EUX – A Mix of Vocational and Academic

This gives you a skilled trade **and** a general upper secondary certificate. More demanding but keeps all options open.

 Good if:

- You're ambitious and want practical skills **and** the option to go to university
- You're not sure if you want to work or study more later

Some Questions to Ask Yourself

1. **Do I like theoretical learning (books, writing, lectures), or practical work (building, creating, helping)?**
2. **Do I want to go to university one day?**
3. **Am I passionate about something specific—like technology, business, helping people, or creating things?**
4. **Do I want to earn money earlier or study longer first?**

Example Paths Based on Interests

Interest	Recommended Path
Medicine, law, teaching	STX or HF
Business, marketing, finance	HHX
Tech, engineering, IT	HTX or EUX Tech
Childcare, health, elderly care	SOSU (EUD) or EUX Health
Mechanics, electrician, construction	EUD or EUX
Still unsure, want to explore	STX or HF

You Mentioned You're From an Ethiopian Family

That cultural background can be a strength—multilingualism, resilience, and global awareness are real assets. Denmark increasingly values diversity in professions like teaching, nursing, law, and

entrepreneurship. So don't hesitate to dream big.

My Suggestion Based on What You've Said

If you:

- Are fluent in Danish
- Just finished primary school (probably 9th or 10th grade)
- Are still deciding what you like best

➔ **Consider starting with STX or HF** – that gives you a strong foundation while you explore your interests.

Or, if you're more hands-on and want to work sooner but keep options open, **EUX** could be ideal.

Would you like help exploring specific schools near you, or choosing between STX/HHX/HTX/HF? I can look them up if you tell me your city or region.