

Uddannelsesmuligheder i Danmark



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Kiribati. 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 your background — it sounds like you're at an exciting turning point! Since you've just finished **primary school** in Denmark (which usually ends around age 15–16), your next step would typically be to choose a **youth education program** (*ungdomsuddannelse*). In Denmark, you have a few good options, depending on your interests, learning style, and future goals. Here's a breakdown to help you decide:

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

If you're thinking about **university later on**, or enjoy academic subjects like languages, science, or social studies, this is the most common path.

Main options:

- **STX (Studentereksamen):** Broadest, includes humanities, social science, natural science.
- **HHX (Higher Commercial Exam):** Business, economics, international trade.
- **HTX (Higher Technical Exam):** Technology, science, IT.
- **HF (Higher Preparatory Exam):** Shorter, more practical version of STX (2 years), good if you want more flexibility or took a break.

Good fit if:

- You like school subjects, want to keep your options open.
- You're considering university or professions like teaching, engineering, business, healthcare, etc.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training, or EUD)


If you want to **learn a trade and start working sooner**, this is a practical route. You combine school with internships in companies.

Examples:

- Electrician, mechanic, carpenter
- Hairdresser, chef, baker
- Healthcare worker, childcare assistant, etc.

Good fit if:

- You prefer hands-on learning.
- You want to enter the job market earlier (usually after 3–4 years with apprenticeship).
- You like earning a wage during your education.

 **Tip:** You can also **take EUX**, which combines vocational training with a more academic curriculum — so you can both work in a trade *and* go to university later if you want.

3. International or alternative options

Given your multicultural background, maybe you're interested in:

- **International gymnasium** (like IB — International Baccalaureate) if you're strong in English and want to keep global options open.
- **Folk high schools** (*efterskole* or *højskole*) — great for exploring personal development, arts, sports, or getting stronger in school subjects for a year.

How to choose?

Ask yourself:

- Do I enjoy theoretical or hands-on learning?
- Do I want to go to university eventually?
- What are my interests or passions?
- Do I want to start earning money soon?

My Recommendation:

Since you're fluent in Danish, just finished primary school, and have time to explore, I'd recommend:

Start with a gymnasial education (like STX or HF), unless you already know you want a specific trade.

- It keeps your options open.
- You can later choose university, or switch paths if you change your mind.
- If you prefer practical learning, consider **EUX**, especially if you like the idea of working and learning.

Would you like help figuring out which program near you matches your interests — maybe in your local area in Denmark? Or are you leaning toward a specific career or subject already?