

ChatGPT



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Chad. 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 important point in your life, and it's great that you're thinking ahead. Since you're 16, fluent in Danish, and just finished primary school (in Denmark that typically means you've completed **Folkeskole**, including 9th or 10th grade), here are the main educational options available to you — along with some guidance to help you choose based on your interests, goals, and strengths.

1. Erhvervsuddannelse (EUD) – Vocational Education and Training

- **Best if you like** hands-on work, want to earn while you learn, and are interested in getting a job quickly.
- You learn both in school and through apprenticeships in companies (praktik).
- Examples: Electrician, carpenter, hairdresser, social and healthcare assistant, mechanic, cook.

Pros: Paid during apprenticeships, job-ready skills, can lead to further education.

Cons: More practical than academic, may limit options if you later want university.

2. Gymnasiale uddannelser – General Upper Secondary Education

If you're more academically inclined or unsure what you want yet, one of the gymnasium options might be better:

a) STX (Studentereksamen)

- General upper secondary education, focuses on humanities, science, and social science.
- Leads to university or other higher education.

b) HHX (Higher Commercial Examination)

- Focuses on business, economics, and international trade.
- Ideal if you're interested in business, marketing, or management.

c) HTX (Higher Technical Examination)

- Focus on science, technology, and innovation.
- Great for engineering, IT, or healthcare paths.

d) HF (Higher Preparatory Examination)

- Shorter (2 years), more practical, for those who may want to go to university college (professionshøjskole).
- Good if you're unsure or want a more flexible path.

Pros: Keeps your options open, prepares for university.

Cons: Less practical, more theoretical.

3. 10th Grade (10. klasse) – Optional

- If you're not quite ready to choose a specific path yet, or want to improve your grades before applying for gymnasium or vocational training.
- Can also be used to strengthen Danish or math skills, or to explore interests.

Important Tip:

In Denmark, there's support for young people with immigrant backgrounds, including **mentorship programs**, **bridging courses (brobygning)**, and **youth education counselors (UU-vejledere)**. Don't hesitate to ask your local **UU-vejleder** for help choosing your path — they're literally there to help you with this decision.

So what should *you* do?

Ask yourself a few questions:

- Do I like working with my hands or solving practical problems? → Maybe EUD.
- Do I enjoy school subjects and want to go to university? → STX/HTX/HHX.
- Am I interested in business or economics? → HHX.
- Am I curious about tech or science? → HTX.
- Am I not sure and want time to grow academically? → 10th grade or HF.

If you tell me more about your interests, what subjects you enjoy, or what kind of work you imagine doing in the future, I can give more specific advice tailored to you.

Want to share that?