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I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Fiji. 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 a really exciting crossroads, and it's great that you're thinking about your next step with care. Since you've just finished primary school in Denmark (which usually ends around 9th or 10th grade depending on the path), your next step depends on a few things: your interests, strengths, career goals (if you have any yet), and the kind of learning environment you enjoy.

In Denmark, you have a few main educational options after primary/lower secondary school (Folkeskole):

🎓 1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (General upper secondary education)

These are academically oriented and prepare you for higher education (university, etc.).

- **STX (Studentereksamen):** Broad, academic education – good if you're not sure what to study yet. Strong in humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences.
- **HHX (Higher Commercial Examination):** Focus on business, economics, and languages. Good if you're interested in trade, marketing, or international business.
- **HTX (Higher Technical Examination):** Focus on technology, natural sciences, and IT. Great if you like tech or science.
- **HF (Higher Preparatory Examination):** A shorter, 2-year program, more flexible, good for older students or those who want to get to university quickly.

Choose this path if:
You enjoy school and academic learning, and you might want to go to university later.

🛠️ 2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational education and training – EUD)

These are job-oriented programs combining school and internships (praktik). You learn a trade or profession – for example:

- Electrician, carpenter, chef, hairdresser, health care worker, etc.
- EUX: Combines vocational education with subjects from gymnasium – gives you a pathway to university too.

Choose this path if:
You like hands-on learning, want to start working earlier, or are interested in a skilled trade. EUX is a good middle ground if you want both a trade and the option for university later.

🌍 Bonus ideas for you:

Since you have Fijian roots, you might also think about:

- **International opportunities:** Consider exchange programs or schools that offer international focus (some HHX/STX programs do).
- **Language strengths:** If you speak more than Danish (maybe English or Fijian), language-focused programs might suit you well (like HHX or STX with language lines).

👣 Next steps:

1. **Visit education fairs or open houses** – Most schools let you visit or attend info meetings.
2. **Talk to a study counselor (UU-vejleder)** – They're available in Denmark to help young people find the right path.
3. **Think about your interests:**
   - Do you enjoy working with people, tech, arts, business, nature?
   - Do you want to study more or start earning sooner?

📌 My recommendation (based on what you've said):

If you're unsure and open to a broad education that keeps doors open, **STX** is a solid default choice. If you're more practically oriented or want to get into the workforce earlier, **EUD or EUX** could be great. If you're interested in business or international work, **HHX** might be a strong fit.

Let me know what your interests are – I can give you more personalized advice based on that!

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