ChatGPT

> I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Niger. 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 great question—and it's good that you're thinking seriously about your future already. Since you're in Denmark, just finished primary school (9th grade or maybe 10th), and are fluent in Danish, you have several solid options ahead of you depending on your interests, strengths, and long-term goals.

◆ Step 1: Choose a Youth Education Pathway

After finishing *folkeskole*, Danish students typically choose between two main types of youth education:

1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These are academic programs that prepare you for university.

- **STX (Alment gymnasium)** – General and broad education (good if you're unsure what you want yet).
- **HHX (Higher Commercial Examination Programme)** – Focus on business, economics, and international topics.
- **HTX (Higher Technical Examination Programme)** – Focus on science, technology, and innovation.
- **HF (Higher Preparatory Examination Programme)** – Shorter (2 years), more flexible, often for older students or those who want faster access to vocational training or university.

Choose this path if:

- You enjoy academic subjects like languages, math, science, or humanities.
- You think you might want to attend university later.
- You're still figuring out your specific interests.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training - VET/EUD)

These are practical programs that combine school and apprenticeships, leading to a skilled trade or profession.

- Examples: Electrician, carpenter, health care assistant, hairdresser, IT supporter, mechanic, etc.
- You earn while you learn, especially during your apprenticeship.

- Many vocational paths can also lead to higher education later (*EUX* is a special program combining VET with academic courses).

Choose this path if:

- You like hands-on work.
- You want to start working sooner.
- You're interested in a skilled trade or technical field.
- You want to earn money while you study.

◆ Step 2: Ask Yourself Some Key Questions

- **Do I enjoy theoretical (academic) learning, or more practical tasks?**
- **Do I want to go to university one day, or start working after a few years?**
- **Are there subjects I love or things I'm good at?**
- **Do I want to work with people, technology, health, business, nature, or something else?**

◆ Step 3: Resources and Support

- **UG.dk** – Denmark's official guidance site for youth education. Great for exploring your options.
- **Studievalg Danmark** – They offer free guidance.
- **Your school's guidance counselor (UU-vejleder)** – Talk to them! They can give personal advice based on your grades, interests, and dreams.

◆ Example Paths Based on Interests

Interest	Suggested Path
Science/Technology	HTX or EUX (tech)
Business/Economics	HHX or EUX (business)
Working with hands	EUD (e.g., electrician, mechanic, chef)
Caring for people	EUD (social and health assistant), or STX → nursing/social studies
Still unsure	STX or HF (broad and flexible)

If you tell me a bit more about your interests, strengths, or any dream job you might have, I can help narrow it down further.

Would you like help figuring that part out?