

ChatGPT



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Ecuador. 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 a bit about yourself — that context really helps. Since you've just finished primary school in Denmark (what's called *folkeskole*, right?), you're at a key point where you can choose a path that suits your interests, goals, and strengths. Let's go over your options and how you might think about them.

🎓 Main Educational Paths After Folkeskole in Denmark:

1. Gymnasiale uddannelser (Upper Secondary Education – Academic)

These are ideal if you're considering going to university later.

- **STX (Almen Studentereksamen):** General upper secondary. Broadest program, includes humanities, science, and social science.
- **HHX (Højere Handelseksamen):** Focuses on business, economics, marketing, and languages.
- **HTX (Højere Teknisk Eksamen):** Focuses on science, technology, IT, and design.
- **HF (Højere Forberedelseksamen):** A shorter (2-year) program, often for those who prefer practical learning or need more flexibility.

● **Recommended if:** You're academically inclined, enjoy studying, and want to keep university open as an option.

2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training – VET)

These are practical, job-oriented programs that lead to specific trades (e.g., electrician, chef, mechanic, child care, etc.).

- You alternate between school and paid internships (apprenticeships).
- Programs typically last 3-4 years.
- You can still go to university afterward via *EUX* or additional courses.

● **Recommended if:** You like hands-on work, want to start earning sooner, and have a career in mind.

3. EUX – Combination of Vocational and Academic

This is a hybrid path where you get both a vocational qualification and a studentereksamen, allowing you to work or go to university.

● **Recommended if:** You're interested in a trade but also want the option of higher education.

Special Considerations for You

You said you're fluent in Danish, born and raised in Denmark, and your parents are from Ecuador — that's a strong cultural advantage. You could consider using your multilingual or multicultural background as an asset, especially in fields like:

- **International business (HHX)**
 - **Translation/interpreting**
 - **Tourism & hospitality**
 - **Education**
 - **Diplomacy or NGO work**
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Questions to Help You Decide

Ask yourself:

- Do I enjoy academic subjects and writing essays? → Consider **STX** or **HHX**.
 - Am I more hands-on, and do I want to start working earlier? → Consider **VET** or **EUX**.
 - Do I want to keep university as an option? → **STX, HHX, HTX**, or **EUX**.
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Next Steps

1. **Visit an *uddannelsesvejleder* (educational advisor)** at your school or municipality. They're free and can help tailor options to your goals.
 2. **Try a *brobygning* or *praktik* (short internship or bridge course)** to test different options.
 3. **Talk to people** in different education tracks or careers — real experiences help.
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If you tell me more about your interests (e.g., science, social studies, business, working with people, etc.), I can help narrow it down further.