

# Uddannelsesmuligheder efter folkeskolen



I'm a 16 year old person living in Denmark. I'm born in Denmark, but my parents are from Trinidad and Tobago. 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 excellent that you're thinking carefully about your future path. Since you're 16 and have just completed primary school (in Denmark, that's likely *folkeskolen*), you're at a key transition point. In Denmark, there are a few common educational paths after *9. klasse* (or *10. klasse* if you've chosen that extra year):

## 🎓 Main Educational Paths After Folkeskolen

### 1. Gymnasiale Uddannelser (General Upper Secondary Education)

These are academically focused and prepare you for university.

- **STX (Almen Studentereksamen):** Broad academic education (humanities, science, and social science).
- **HHX (Højere Handelseksamen):** Focus on business, economics, and international trade.
- **HTX (Højere Teknisk Eksamen):** Emphasis on technology and science.
- **HF (Højere Forberedelseksamen):** 2-year program, more practical, often for students who prefer shorter academic paths.

📌 Good for you if: You enjoy academic subjects, want to go to university, and like structured school environments.

### 2. Erhvervsuddannelser (Vocational Education and Training – EUD)

Practical and hands-on training in specific trades or professions. Includes:

- Electrician, carpenter, chef, health care assistant, etc.
- **EUX** option combines vocational training with academic courses, allowing university access later.

📌 Good for you if: You prefer learning by doing, want a faster path to a job, or like working with your hands or helping people.

### 3. 10. Klasse (Optional Year)

A chance to mature, improve grades, or figure out your direction.

- Can be taken at a regular school or special 10th grade centers (*efterskole* is another popular option).

📌 Good for you if: You're unsure of what you want next and want to explore your interests.

## 🌍 Cultural Identity & Opportunities

Since your background includes Trinidad and Tobago, you might also:

- Explore international education or study exchanges later on (especially with your multilingual background).
- Bring a multicultural perspective to areas like social sciences, international business, or education.

## 🤔 How to Decide?

Ask yourself:

- Do I enjoy academic study and want to go to university?
- Do I prefer practical learning or want to start working sooner?
- Are there specific careers I already find interesting (e.g., tech, healthcare, arts, engineering, etc.)?

## 🔍 Example Paths

Interest Area	Suggested Path
University later	STX / HHX / HTX / HF
Tech/Engineering	HTX / EUX Technical
Business/Marketing	HHX / EUX Business
Healthcare or Social Work	HF / EUD (health care assistant, pedagogue path)
Not sure yet	10. klasse / Efterskole (exploration + growth)

## ✅ Recommendation

If you enjoy school and are interested in possibly going to university one day, **STX or HHX** are strong options. If you're more hands-on or want a faster route to a career, **EUX** gives you both academic and vocational skills, which is very flexible.

Also, don't underestimate **10. klasse** or an **efterskole year** — they can be life-changing and give you more clarity and confidence.

If you'd like, I can help you explore specific programs or schools near you in Denmark. Want to tell me more about what subjects or careers interest you?