



Dear Younger Self: Call for Letters

We are excited to present this call for letters for a second volume of “Letters To My Younger Self: How Systems Engineering Changed My Life” which will contain up to 25 letters from around the world representing many different cultures and experiences. See the initial volume for reference: <https://incose.org/ltmys>. These letters are written to our younger self to share insights and lessons learned focused on our path to becoming a systems thinker / systems engineer and addressing how systems engineering has changed our life.

Submitted letters should:

1. Be 750 - 1000 words in length.
2. Appeal to a younger audience in their mid-teens to early 20s.
3. Include insights, lessons learned, and advice on considerations for a career in systems engineering related to one’s own experiences.
4. Expand on system engineering / systems thinking concepts, principles, and approaches.
5. Not be a review of one’s accomplishments, as in a resume or a vitae.

Submitters will:

1. Be an INCOSE member.
2. Review volume one letters to become familiar with “Letters To My Younger Self: How Systems Engineering Changed My Life”.
3. Email ltmys@incose.net with your statement of interest describing your approach to the letter and your underlying message.
4. Further instructions will be provided once the authors are selected.
5. A template will be provided for the letter submission.
6. Letters will include “Now” and “Then” pictures.
7. Letters will be due by November 15, 2025.

Letters will go through a double-blind review and may be accepted or rejected with the following status:

1. Not accepted to the current volume.
2. Possibly accepted with major updates needed.
3. Accepted with minor / no updates needed.

Please note that accepted letters will go through a final editorial process. 