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Born in Nazareth (Adama) attended Atse Gelawdewos High school, migrated to the US in 1980. Graduated from Rochester Institute Technology (RIT) in 1987 with Bachelors of Science degree in Electrical Engineering (BSEE). After graduation, Employed by RIT as Research Associate for nine years, research focus in Hearing and Speech.

Received Master's degree in Electrical Engineering, MSEE in 1993, Master's Thesis on: Character Recognition using Hopfield Neural Network with Ge'ez characters as test elements. For about twenty years Employed by Xerox Corporation as Computer Systems/Application Engineer.

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