

Application form for the MWA-NY/Leon Burstein Contest for Unpublished Writers

(There is no fee. Contest is open to 2025 MWA-NY chapter, affiliate status members) **Send this completed form and your 20-page attachment to LeonBursteinAwardS@mwany.org**

Please do not put your name anywhere in the attachment. The filename should be the name of your manuscript (NOT your name.)

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Website, if any _____

Name of submission (attach your first 20 pages or less).

Genre _____

2025 Membership: I confirm that I am a paid-up affiliate member of MWA-NY:
(circle one) **yes/no**

ACTIVE STATUS means: I have received at least \$1,000 in payments for my mystery/crime genre fiction or non-fiction book (or \$500 for e-books). Or I have received at least \$200 for my short stories or scholarly articles or chapters in non-fiction books. Or I have earned at least \$2,000 for self-published works within the genre.

I am **not** ACTIVE STATUS: (circle one) **yes/no**

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I acknowledge that I am entering my manuscript in the New York chapter of Mystery Writers of America/ Leon Burstein Contest. (I will continue to own the copyright for this work.) In connection therewith, I hereby release Mystery Writers of America, its employees, agents, and representatives, and judges from all claims, suits, and damages related to or arising from review and/or judging the contest, including but not limited to any claim of copyright infringement or use of intellectual property.

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