



**Mystery Writers of America**  
*New York Chapter*

**Application form for the MWA-NY/Leon Burstein Contest for Unpublished Writers**

(There is no fee. Contest is open to 2026 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Website, if any \_\_\_\_\_

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

2026 Membership: I confirm that I am a paid-up affiliate member of MWA-NY yes

I am **not** ACTIVE STATUS: yes

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.

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