

THE LEON B. BURSTEIN/MWA-NY SCHOLARSHIP FOR MYSTERY WRITING 2018: APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Thank you for your interest in applying for The Leon B. Burstein/MWA-NY Scholarship for Mystery Writing 2018. Please follow these application instructions carefully and completely. Applications which do not include all requested items will be returned to the sender. Complete applications must be received by MWA-NY on or before October 10, 2018. Awards will be announced on or about November 7, 2018.

The application consists of a cover email with a single attachment in PDF format.

THE COVER EMAIL

Address an email to outreach@mwanyc.org which includes all the following information:

Name of applicant

Applicant's email address

Applicant's phone number

Applicant's street address

Whether applicant is a member of MWA, and if so, applicant's status
(Active/Associate/Affiliate)

For any applicant who is not a member of MWA, whether applicant is interested
in joining MWA

Whether applicant's work has been published, and if so, the three most recent
publications

THE ATTACHMENT

Attach to the email a single document in PDF format. The document name should be identical to the applicant's name. However, the content of the PDF document must contain NO information identifying the applicant (e.g. no name, phone number, address, etc.). To maintain a blind judging process, the scholarship administrator will assign each applicant a number and submit a copy of the corresponding PDF, renamed by number only, to the panel of judges.

The PDF attachment should be typed in 12-point Courier or Times New Roman, double-spaced with one-inch margins, no headers. The sole footer, bottom center, should be consecutive page numbering for the entire PDF, 1, 2, 3...etc.

There are three parts to the PDF attachment. Commence each part on a new page.

PART 1: BUDGET

Give your estimated budget for writing expenses and itemize the expenses. Examples of such expenses include registration fees for conferences, travel expenses, course work, and research materials. Expenses incurred prior to the announcement of the 2018 award will not be considered.

PART 2: PERSONAL STATEMENT

In 500 words or less, please tell us how the scholarship will help you achieve your writing goals and how the funds will be used.

PART 3: WRITING SAMPLE OF 5,000 WORDS OR LESS

This should be an excerpt from a work-in-progress. It may be fiction or nonfiction, book, short story, play or screenplay, adult, YA, or juvenile, but must be related to mystery writing. Follow the William Shunn manuscript format, with the EXCEPTION that the writing sample must contain NO information identifying the applicant:

<https://www.shunn.net/format/story.html>

Each applicant will receive by email a response from MWA-NY confirming receipt of his or her complete application. After this confirmation, the next communication the applicant will receive from MWA-NY will be on or near the date that awards are announced.