



**United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Chapter of Blacks In Government  
2015 Scholarship Video/Essay Contest**

The United States Patent and Trademark Office Chapter of Blacks In Government (PTO-BIG) Constance E. Green (CEG) Scholarship, invites currently enrolled 12<sup>th</sup> grade students, who will attend college in the Fall of 2015, to apply for a \$500.00 scholarship that addresses the challenges of empowering school aged girls to pursue Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) related fields.

This contest is an opportunity for boys and girls that are family members of PTO-BIG members to help us empower more female students to pursue STEM careers.

**Challenge:** Describe what measures we can take at the grade school levels to motivate girls to have more interest in and succeed in Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) related fields.

**To enter:**

Please submit your video/essay post office marked no later than March 31, 2015 and received by PTO-BIG no later than April 3, 2015 12:00 noon. Essays should be sealed in an envelope and labeled appropriately with the Contestants name, email address, telephone number, grade, High School currently attending, College attending in the Fall, if known, intended field of study and name of sponsor. Sponsor must be a current PTO-BIG Member.

All Entries must be mailed to:  
USPTO Chapter of Blacks In Government  
P.O. Box 446  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-0446

**Or**

Hand Delivered to:  
Tomeka Oubichon  
Madison East Room 4D10

Mail or hand delivered entrants must have an acknowledgement of receipt of your video/essay from [Tomeka.Oubichon@uspto.gov](mailto:Tomeka.Oubichon@uspto.gov).

**Judging and Prizes:**

- 1) All entries will be judged by a panel consisting of PTO-BIG Executive Board Members and representatives from the Office of Education Outreach.
  - a. Presentation content
  - b. Passion and voice of the piece
  - c. Length of video essay (2-5 minutes)
  - d. Innovative approach
  - e. Appropriate dress (for video essay)
- 2) Winners will be invited to the CEG Scholarship Program to receive their awards on Sunday, April 26, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.
- 3) Three \$500.00 Scholarships will be awarded.

**Eligibility:**

Eligible candidates **must** be sponsored by a current PTO-BIG member.

**How can I become a Member?**

If you have a student and are not currently a member of PTO-BIG you can join today or prior to the end of the competition, no later than March 31, 2015.

If you are not sure if you are still a member, contact our Membership Chair, Charles Rones at [Charles.Rones@uspto.gov](mailto:Charles.Rones@uspto.gov) and find out your status. Membership dues are \$45.00 for one year.