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Necessity mother of invention, scholarship

A young inventor was awarded a \$15,000 scholarship after nailing her presentation at the first "Power of an Idea" competition yesterday.

The scholarship and patent application services are to be rendered by Boston law firm Burns and Levinson LLP to 13-year-old John D. O'Bryant School eighth-grader Dianna Marcellus for her automatic nail polish applicator.

Marcellus devised a Lego prototype that injects polish through a tube onto a brush after becoming tired of "asking my sister to paint my nails," she said.

"I always wanted to apply nail polish by myself," said Marcellus, an aspiring veterinarian. "I have an unstable hand and I always had to ask people to do my nails for me."

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SHE NAILED IT: Dianna Marcellus, 13, demonstrates the nail-polishing device she designed for which she won a \$15,000 scholarship.

