

2013

ACCESS TO LEARNING AWARD

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Honoring innovation. Opening a world of opportunity.

We invite you to apply for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's annual Access to Learning Award, which recognizes the innovative efforts of public libraries and similar institutions outside the United States to connect people to information and opportunities through free access to computers and the Internet.

Computers and the Internet are powerful tools that provide opportunities for people to improve their social and economic well-being. Worldwide, just one person in six has access to the Internet. This means that more than five billion people miss out on chances to pursue education and employment, access government services, learn about valuable health information, conduct business online, and exchange information and ideas. The Access to Learning Award encourages new, innovative ways to provide computer and Internet services to people without access, and promotes greater development of public access technology programs around the world.

The recipient of the Access to Learning Award will receive \$1 million (U.S.).

**THE APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR THE 2013 AWARD IS
30 SEPTEMBER 2012.**



HOW TO APPLY



DEADLINE

Completed applications must be submitted by 30 September 2012.

OBTAINING APPLICATION FORMS

The 2013 Access to Learning Award application form is available for download at www.gatesfoundation.org/ATLA.

The form is only available in English and must be completed in English. Applications must be submitted online.

To be eligible to receive the 2013 ATLA, your organization currently provide free public access to computers and the Internet in a public setting. The ATLA is awarded based upon past achievement and not future projects.

More information about the award, including eligibility requirements, process for selection and profiles of past recipients, is available at www.gatesfoundation.org/ATLA.

ABOUT THE BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION

Guided by the belief that every life has equal value, the **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation** works to help all people lead healthy, productive lives. In developing countries, it focuses on improving people's health and giving them the chance to lift themselves out of hunger and extreme poverty. In the United States, it seeks to ensure that all people—especially those with the fewest resources—have access to the opportunities they need to succeed in school and life. Based in Seattle, Washington, the foundation is led by CEO Jeff Raikes and Co-chairs William H. Gates Sr., under the direction of Bill and Melinda Gates and Warren Buffett.

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