

Shawn Askinosie Bio

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Shawn Askinosie was recently named by O, The Oprah Magazine as "One of 14 Guys Who Are Saving the World." They said "Why we're fans: The philanthropically-minded chocolate entrepreneur aims to get students thinking about business ethics in a way that could have ripple effects for generations."

Founder & Chocolate Maker of Askinosie Chocolate, Shawn had a successful career in criminal law for nearly 20 years before founding the chocolate company. Over the years he had a number of high profile cases that garnered national media attention. Shawn never lost a criminal trial. Since founding Askinosie Chocolate, Shawn's social business model has been featured in O, The Oprah Magazine. He is a sought after public speaker. Shawn has been a frequent guest on the Fox Business Network discussing chocolate and small business issues. The Springfield Business Journal named Shawn 2008 Entrepreneur of The Year. He sells his chocolate throughout the US, and exports to stores around the world and has been nominated Missouri Exporter of the Year. He is the co-founder of Lost & Found Grief Center for children, and is on the Lay Advisory Committee of Assumption Abbey (a Cistercian monastery in Ava, Missouri). Shawn was the 2010 and 2011 Mel Carnahan Fellow at Missouri State University's Public Affairs Academy and is an Adjunct Professor of Field Studies in Social Entrepreneurship at Drury University.

Askinosie Chocolate is a small batch award winning chocolate manufacturer located in Springfield, Missouri, sourcing 100% of their beans directly from the farmers. Shawn travels to regions of Ecuador, Honduras, the Philippines and Tanzania to work directly with the farmers and source cocoa beans for his chocolate. This allows the chocolate to be traced to the source and labeled Authentic Single Origin Chocolate. It also enables Askinosie Chocolate to profit share with the farmers, giving them a Stake In the Outcome™. The Askinosie Chocolate mission is to serve their farmers, their neighborhood, their customers and each other; sharing the Askinosie Chocolate Experience by leaving the world a better place than they found it.

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