

# Shawn Askinosie Bio



Shawn Askinosie was recently named by O, The Oprah Magazine as "One of 15 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 and CEO of Askinosie Chocolate, Shawn had a successful career in criminal law for nearly 20 years before founding Askinosie Chocolate. Over the years he had a number of high profile cases that garnered national media attention; Shawn never lost a criminal jury trial. Since founding Askinosie Chocolate, Shawn's social business model has been featured in O, The Oprah Magazine, The New York Times and numerous other publications. Shawn is a sought after public speaker in both the US and around the world. He is a contributor to The Huffington Post. He was a keynote speaker at the 2012 Chicago Humanities Festival. He was the guest presenter at the Agriturismo La Petraia in Tuscany, Italy for a week of lectures on chocolate. Shawn was named the 2013 Humanitarian of the Year by the Community Foundation of the Ozarks. He is the co-founder of Lost & Found Grief Center for children and is a Trappist Family Brother at Assumption Abbey (a Cistercian monastery near Ava, Missouri). Shawn is the 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. The University of Missouri recently honored Shawn with the Distinguished Alumni Award. He was the Fall 2011 and Spring 2012 Commencement Speaker at Missouri State University graduation ceremonies. He received an Honorary Doctorate of Public Affairs degree in May 2012 to "recognize his contributions as a community leader, an entrepreneur, a role model and an inspiration to students and others." The Specialty Food Association recently selected Shawn as the Business Leadership Award Winner of 2013 as a "food pioneer" he has "advanced food standards in society... through visionary social, economic and environmental efforts." Askinosie Chocolate is currently sustainably feeding over 1,600 students per day in Tanzania and the Philippines without any donations. He sells his award winning chocolate throughout the US, and exports to stores around the world.

Askinosie Chocolate is a small batch award winning chocolate manufacturer with 15 full time employees located in Springfield, Missouri, sourcing 100% of their beans directly from the farmers. Shawn travels to Ecuador, Honduras, the Philippines and Tanzania to work directly with the farmers and source cocoa beans for his chocolate returning to them a profit share called A Stake in the Outcome™. Their mission is: *to craft exceptional chocolate while serving our farmers, our customers, our neighborhood, and one another, striving in all we do to leave whatever part of the world we touch better for the encounter.*

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# Awards

## 2014 Good Food Awards

Winner

*Davao, Philippines Dark Milk Chocolate Bar*

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Winner

*Davao, Philippines Dark Milk Chocolate Bar*

## 2012 sofi™ Silver Finalist

Outstanding Chocolate

*Dark Milk Chocolate Licorice Bar*

## 2011 sofi™ Silver Finalist

Outstanding Jam, Preserve, Honey or Nut Butter

*Hey, Hey Hazelnut! Chocolate Hazelnut Spread*

## 2011 sofi™ Silver Finalist

Outstanding Chocolate

*Davao, Philippines White Chocolate Bar*

## 2010 sofi™ Silver Finalist

Outstanding Chocolate

*Davao, Philippines White Chocolate Nibble Bar*

## 2009 sofi™ Silver Finalist

Outstanding Chocolate

*San Jose Del Tambo, Ecuador Dark Chocolate Bar*

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## International Academy of Chocolate Awards - London

Best Bean to Bar Flavored Milk Chocolate - 2012 Silver Winner

*Dark Milk Chocolate Licorice Bar*

## London Academy of Chocolate

Best Bean to Bar Dark Chocolate - 2011 Gold Winner

*San Jose Del Tambo, Ecuador Dark Chocolate Bar*

## London Academy of Chocolate

Best Bean to Bar Dark Chocolate - 2011 Silver Winner

*Davao, Philippines Dark Chocolate Bar*

## London Academy of Chocolate

Best Bean to Bar Milk Chocolate - 2011 Silver Winner

*Davao, Philippines Dark Milk Chocolate Bar*

## London Academy of Chocolate

Best Packaging - 2011 Gold Winner

*Tenende, Tanzania Dark Chocolate*

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