The Board of Directors has approved this process of awarding Register of Merit titles. **Members who own Shih Tzu that become eligible for the Register of Merit (ROM) title must send an application for this award. (You will not be notified of eligibility for an ROM by ASTC as in times past.)** The application must be received no later than February 20th of the year following the year when the dog or bitch became eligible. No retroactive ROM title will be awarded if the application is not filed within this time line.

**Eligibility for the Register of Merit title** and award is based on these criteria: 1) a dog must have sired six champions; a bitch must have produced four champions, 2) the owner of the dog or bitch must be a member or have been approved for membership as of the date of the Outgoing Board of Directors meeting in the calendar year in which the title is earned, and 3) Owner must also be member ‘in good standing’ as of the date of presentation of these awards (at Awards Banquet with National Specialty) 4) Member applying for Register of Merit title must have been the AKC registered owner from at least the date of the Outgoing Board of Directors meeting through December 31st of the calendar year in which the title is earned.

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**Register of Merit Application:**  
**Deadline: February 20th**

Please submit ONE form per award.  
**TYPE or PRINT information.**  
Supply all information that applies to the award requested.

| Name of Dog: | __________________________________________________________________________________________________________ |
| Primary Owner: | __________________________________________________________________________________________________________ |
| Address, City, State, Zip: | __________________________________________________________________________________________________________ |
| Co-Owner? | __________________________________________________________________________________________________________ |
| Person Applying for Award Phone # | __________________________  email: ___________________________________________ |

**REGISTER OF MERIT SIRE** (List 6 Champions with Year (required) & Month (requested) when Title completed)  
**REGISTER OF MERIT DAM** (List 4 Champions with Year (required) & Month (requested) when Title completed)

1. ____________________________________________________ Month ________________ Year _____________
2. ____________________________________________________ Month ________________ Year _____________
3. ____________________________________________________ Month ________________ Year _____________
4. ____________________________________________________ Month ________________ Year _____________
5. ____________________________________________________ Month ________________ Year _____________
6. ____________________________________________________ Month ________________ Year _____________

**IF NOT ATTENDING THE NATIONAL,** Send name of friend who will pick up plaque - OR -SEND $6.00 PER PLAQUE FOR MAILING COST.  **ABSOLUTE POSTAGE PAYMENT DEADLINE - APRIL 15.**  
**Checks payable to American Shih Tzu Club** (Please spell out full club name - no abbreviations)