

Award Medal of the Central Committees of the Trade Unions (VTsSPS) and Communist Youth League (TsK VLKSM) for Active Work on Cultivating Children and Adolescents, 1986-1991.

In nickel-plated and gilded brass; the medallion is 26.8 mm in height (incl. eyelet and extended portion of the torch), 22.2 mm in width; weighs 6.8 g not including the suspension; overall weight with suspension is 11.4 g. The medallion is of riveted two-piece construction: the laurel branch is a separate superimposed part. The raised inscription on the suspension reads "VTsSPS and TsK VLKSM". The impressed inscription on the reverse is "For Active Work on Cultivating Children and Adolescents". The reverse of the suspension shows a raised logo of the Moscow Mint.

Excellent, near mint condition. The finish is perfect and free of noticeable wear. The ribbon is clean.

This very scarce award was established in 1986, just a few years before the collapse of the USSR. It was apparently to reward extraordinary contribution to the moral development of the youth rather than physical training or teaching specific skills. The medal (or badge according to the official Soviet hierarchy of decorations) was awarded very sparingly by the joint decision of the Central Committee of Komsomol and the Central Committee of the Soviet Trade Unions.

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