

### VLKSM Central Committee Medal (Honorary Badge) of Honored Mentor of Youth, Type 1, 1973-1975.

In brass with gilt and silver-plating. Medallion is of riveted two-piece construction, measures 32.2 mm in height (incl. eyelet), 30.6 mm in width. Unlike the later version of the award, the suspension features letters "VLKSM" on the obverse. The hammer & sickle emblem has bright gilt finish, unlike the bronze finish on the later issues. The reverse of the medallion is slightly concaved, without an inscription, and has logo of the Leningrad Mint near the top under the eyelet (the mint mark is noticeably larger than on the later versions of the medal.) The suspension device has a matching mint logo below the pin.

This version of the badge was issued during its first two years of existence, when it was a purely Komsomol decoration. In 1975, it became a joint decoration by the Central Committee of Soviet Trade Unions and Central Committee of VLKSM. The medal was redesigned accordingly: it received the appropriate inscription on the reverse of the medallion, and the lettering "VLKSM" was removed from the suspension device. There was another, less drastic redesign in 1978. The first, VLKSM version of the Mentor of Youth Medal is very scarce.

/See Principal Badges of Komsomol. Reference Catalog , fig. 5.7.1/

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