



Order of Friendship

The **Order of Friendship** is a state decoration of Russia established by decree # 442 of March 2, 1994 of the President of the Russian Federation.

The statute and overall design is based on these of the Order of Friendship of Peoples of the Soviet Union.

Statute

The Order of Friendship is bestowed upon Russian citizens for their significant contribution into the strengthening of friendship and cooperation of nations and nationalities, high achievements in the development of economic and scientific potential of Russia, for exceptionally fruitful activities in mutual enrichment of cultures of nations and nationalities and in bringing them together, for strengthening the peace and friendly relations between states.

The Order of Friendship is to be placed on the left side of the chest, and if other orders of the Russian Federation are present, then it is placed after the Order of Honor.

Description

The badge of the Order of Friendship is made of silver, enameled and gilded. It is shaped as a pentagonal star created from pencils of diverging golden rays. Upon the center of the star placed is an image of the terrestrial globe, with details covered with colored enamel. The globe is encircled by a wreath of olive branches covered with green enamel. There are red dots along the wreath. On the reverse there is an inscription "Мир и дружба" ("Peace and Friendship") and the serial number of the order. The distance between the opposite tips of the star is 44 mm.

The badge of the order is connected by a loop and a ring to a pentagonal ribbon of silk moiré of light blue color with green stripes along its edges. The width of the ribbon is 24 mm, the width of the stripes are 6 mm.