



OREST CURNISKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Hurland Services Ltd. (Hurland Services) has been providing its clients with all aspects of surface acquisition in a competitive and professional manner for over 40 years. We are a Sherwood Park, Alberta based company providing services throughout Alberta.

At the helm of Hurland Services' leadership team is Ted Parent (President) and Logan Sexsmith (Vice-President). Both Ted and Logan have a deep-rooted connection to Olds College with Ted obtaining his diploma in 1997 and Logan obtaining his diploma in 2008.

The land services industry is one of the most intriguing, unique and gratifying industries in Canada. It provides individuals with the opportunity to blend office and field work into a single rewarding career. Traditionally, Land Agents primarily serviced the oil and gas industry and acted as liaisons between Landowners and the company proposing the development. Today's Land Agents have the opportunity to work on many different projects that require an interest in land. These include but are not limited to pipeline projects, powerline projects, distribution projects for utility companies, renewable projects such as wind and solar, and traditional oil and gas developments.

Hurland Services maintains an employee focused environment where our greatest asset is our team members. Most of our current licensed Land Agents are Olds College graduates.

As we continue to look toward the future and the rewarding career of land acquisition services, *Hurland Services is pleased to offer the Orest Curniski Memorial Scholarship to one individual attending the Land & Water Resources Diploma program, majoring in Surface Land Management for the Fall 2023 intake period.*

This scholarship honours the legacy of the late Orest Curniski. Born in Claytonville, Saskatchewan, Orest began his teaching career in Spirit River, Alberta in 1961. In 1982, Orest took an instructor position at Olds College and set up the Land Agent Program. Orest helped the college expand the program in many ways, and taught at Olds College for 15 years. This scholarship is to recognize the important contributions Orest made to the Oil and Gas Industry in our Province, by training a generation of Land Agents and leaving behind the legacy of a program to train the next generation.

What is a Land Agent & What do they do?

Land Agents are individuals licensed through the province to acquire a registered interest in land. This interest can take many forms but the most common are Surface Lease Agreements, Pipeline Right-of-Way Agreements and Easement Agreements.



The Scholarship Opportunity

This scholarship opportunity will provide one (1) qualifying student with the opportunity to have the costs of tuition, fees and books covered for the two-year *Land & Water Resources - Surface Land Management Diploma*. In addition to the tuition, fees and book costs, the successful candidate will have a summer student position secured with Hurland Services between their 1st and 2nd year of schooling, and a job secured with Hurland Services upon completion of their schooling.

Scholarship Eligibility / Qualifications

Although the Surface Land Management program guidelines stipulate a certain set of criteria for admission, this scholarship opportunity requires the following as minimum criteria:

- 65% or better in English Language Arts 30-1 or 30-2
- 65% or better in Math 20-1 or 20-2
- 50% or better in Chemistry 20 (Mandatory Requirement)
- 65% or better in Biology 20 OR Science 30
- Meet the English Language Proficiency Requirement
- Valid Alberta Drivers License
- Clear Criminal record

****Note:** The student awarded this scholarship must still make their application for acceptance to this program directly with Olds College. Follow this link to apply online [Land & Water Resources \(oldscollege.ca\)](https://oldscollege.ca). The contact information for the head of this program at Olds College is provided in the supplementary information at the end of this document.

Timeline for Scholarship Delivery

- April / May 2023 - Presentations in Lamont, Fort Saskatchewan, Sherwood Park, Ardrossan, Camrose and Tofield for eligible high school students and marketing of scholarship online and through Olds College portals / AASLA / IRWA portals
- June 2023 - Selection of candidates and interviews take place
- July 2023 - Scholarship awarded
- September 2023 - Student start date at Olds College for 1st year



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What costs does the scholarship cover?

The scholarship provides funding for tuition, fees and books for the 1st and 2nd year of the *Land & Water Resources - Surface Land Management Diploma* at Olds College as follows:

- Year 1 - Tuition: \$5,635 / Fees: \$1,370 / Books & Supplies: \$1,500
- Year 2 - Tuition: \$6,200 / Fees: \$1,450 / Books & Supplies: \$500

Approximate Scholarship Total as per fee schedule: \$16,655

What costs are you responsible for?

The student is responsible for all other associated costs such as meals and residence, and any additional student fees not covered by the scholarship.

What does Hurland look for in a successful Land Agent?

- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Agricultural background is a major asset, however not a formal requirement
- Proficiency with computer programs, in particular Word, Excel and Outlook.
- Strong typing skills are a necessity.
- An individual with confidence to meet Landowners and represent our clients in one-on-one conversations (individuals are put through an internship for a minimum of one year to help build these skills and confidence)
- A driven individual with an excellent work ethic that is looking for a challenging career with a mixture of both office and field work

Future Requirements

Hurland Services will provide employment at the conclusion of schooling, and the selected candidate must stay with the company for a minimum term of two (2) years following graduation. This employment opportunity will offer a competitive salary, along with a comprehensive benefits package.

Minimum requirements:

- Canadian resident or eligible to be employed in Canada
- Must reside within a reasonable proximity to Sherwood Park, Alberta
- Interim Land Agent License (received at time of graduation from Olds College)
- Commissioner for Oaths in and for Alberta (received at time of graduation from Olds College)
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.00



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How to apply for this scholarship

1. Cover letter (including a description of who you are, where you are from and why you are interested in becoming a Land Agent. Please also include your email and phone number)
2. Current resume
3. High school transcripts

To apply, email info@hurland.ca - Please indicate "Land Agent Scholarship" in the subject line

Application deadline May 30, 2023

Interviews for those candidates selected will take place after the application deadline

Surface Land Management program timelines

September 2023 to April 2024 - 1st year schooling at Olds College

April 2024 to September 2024 - Summer student with Hurland Services

September 2024 to April 2025 - 2nd year schooling at Olds College

April 2025 - Employment with Hurland Services

Hurland would like to thank all applicants that took the time to apply and good luck!



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SUPPLEMENTARY PROGRAM INFORMATION

Major Description:

The Olds College Surface Land Management major focuses on successful relationship management and communication between energy sectors, government, regulatory bodies, indigenous communities, and other stakeholders. Students integrate technical land knowledge as they navigate land acquisition and consultation processes for resource development in a sustainable and responsible manner. Practical training in surface land management activities is provided through case studies, simulations, and scenarios. Graduates are eligible to write their Interim Land Agents Licensing Exam.

Additional Information on the program can be found on the Olds College website at:

[Land & Environment Programs \(oldscollege.ca\)](#)

<https://www.oldscollege.ca/programs/land-environment/land-water-resources/index.html>

Alternatively, interested applicants can contact the Lead Instructor at Olds College for this program:

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