

## **WorkingScholars: Uplifting Communities, One College Graduate at a Time**

There are 33 million adults in the U.S. with some college credits but no degree. In many cases, barriers often associated with problems as serious as inequality, discrimination or bigotry may have gotten in the way of degree completion.

WorkingScholars is an innovative education program that works to eliminate two of the largest barriers to higher education, time and money, by providing an on-demand college experience. For communities interested in providing a college education to residents, the program assists in raising philanthropic grants or city funds to cover the total costs of bachelor's degrees.

Once funds are raised, the WorkingScholars program delivers up to 75 percent of the credits necessary for a bachelor's degree via an on-demand, mobile-first platform which allows scholars to complete their coursework at their pace and when it fits into their schedule. Upon completion, their credits are transferred to a regionally accredited not-for-profit institution where the scholars can complete their degree and graduate.

This platform, unlike the traditional education pathway, provides the flexibility often needed for students to be successful. As many students don't have the time or a schedule that allows them to make it to a class or commute to a campus, WorkingScholars allows them to progress when it works for them.

The program has been launched in five California cities – [East Palo Alto, CA](#) and [Perris, CA](#), among them, where 300 students have completed 2,400 courses and 7,200 college credits. While begun in Silicon Valley, the program has been extended to Southern California, and officials say they are now ready to expand it nationally.

*Information on this [2018 CA Non-Profit of the Year award winning program](#) is available from Chris Mancini, Chief Growth Officer, Study.com, at [cmancini@study.com](mailto:cmancini@study.com), or 415-602-0002.*