

2024-25 US University Applications

JC2 & Alumni

Application Methods

- Common Application (online)
- Other online portals
- Paper applications

Application types

- Early Decision
- Early Action
- Regular Decision

What does it mean

- *Early decision plans* are **binding** — a student who is accepted as an ED applicant must attend the college.
- *Early action plans* are nonbinding — students receive an early response to their application but do not have to commit to the college until the normal reply date of May 1.

Source: <http://professionals.collegeboard.com/guidance/applications/early>

References required

- 1 or 2 Teacher Recommendations (optional 3rd for some colleges)
- 1 School Counsellor Report
 - The ‘Sch Counsellor’ is your Monitoring Head in ACJC
 - If your MH is unable to complete the report then look for your Year Head
 - If your YH/SYH is unable to then look for HECG Head (Ms Daphne Teo)

Important Reminders

- You are only required to fill in compulsory fields (usually marked by an asterisk)
- Leave all other fields blank unless you feel that it adds significantly to your application.
- Please check with your counsellor or with Ms So first.
- All information supplied **MUST BE ACCURATE.**



Let's get started!

Welcome to the Common Application! Please tell us how you will use the system so we can prepare your account. If you are unsure, we encourage you to explore each option before you continue.

First year student

help

Transfer student

help

Education professional

help

Parent or other adult

help



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Navigating your Dashboard



Welcome, Zhao Ying!
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- Dashboard
- My Colleges
- Common App
- College Search
- Financial Aid Resources

Welcome, Zhao Ying!

Congratulations on taking this first step in the college application process!

Here are some tips to get you started:

- This tab is your Dashboard. After you add a college to your list, you will see your application progress here.
- All colleges will need you to answer the common questions under your [Common App](#) tab.
- To apply to a college, head over to the [College Search](#) tab.
- Once you have added a college, you can complete and submit your application in the [My Colleges](#) tab.

We are here to help you every step of the way! If you run into any questions or you need some help, check out our 24/7 [Applicant Solutions Center](#) or [contact us](#) at any time.

Instructions and Help

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How many colleges can I add to my Dashboard?
The Common Application member colleges have stipulated that applicants may add up to 20 colleges. [Read more](#)

How can I view a college's Writing Supplement, if they have one?
There are two ways you can access a college's Writing Supplement. [Read more](#)

Enter your personal particulars and education background at this tab.

Add your preferred colleges at this tab

Add your preferred colleges at this tab

Get help here

Profile

Common Application

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Activities

Writing

Courses & Grades
0 college(s) require

Profile

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Personal Information

First/given name*

Middle name

Last/family/surname*

Suffix

Preferred name (nickname)

Have you ever used any other names?*

Yes

No

Instructions and Help

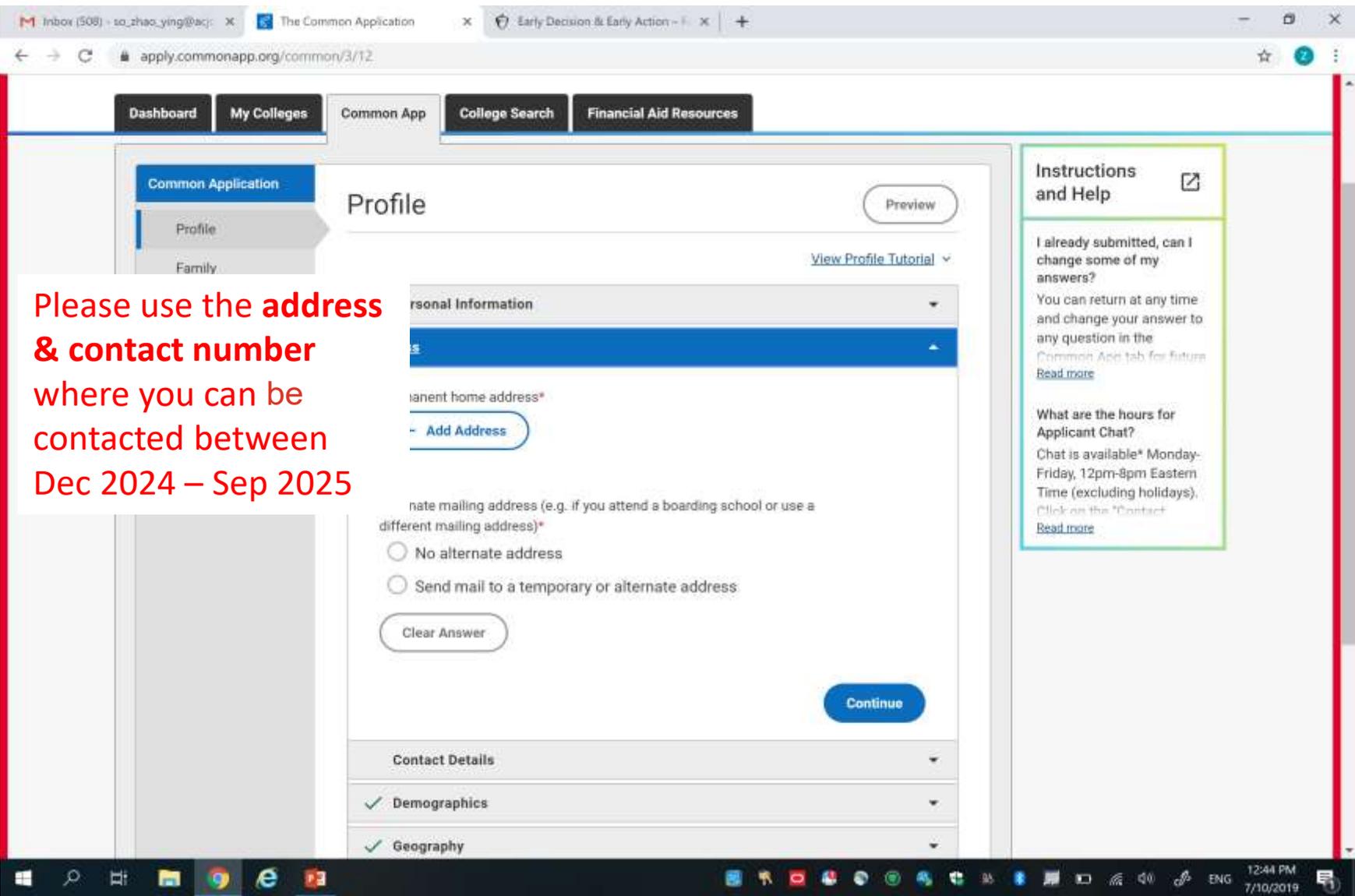
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Profile



Please use the address & contact number where you can be contacted between Dec 2024 – Sep 2025

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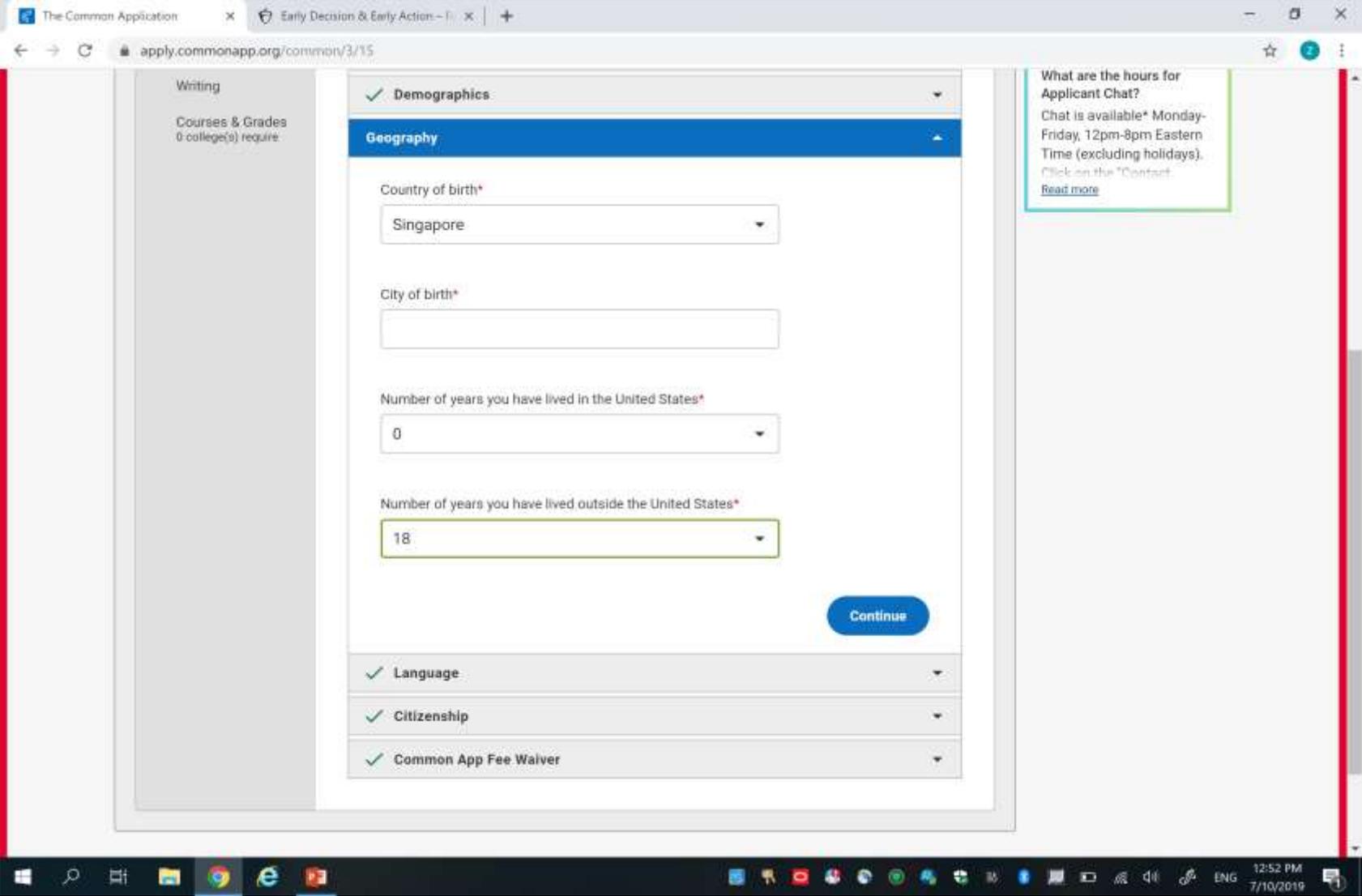
The screenshot displays the 'Demographics' section of the Common App profile. The sidebar on the left includes 'Writing' and 'Courses & Grades' (with a sub-note '0 college(s) require'). The main content area is titled 'Demographics' and contains the following questions and options:

- Religious preference: Choose an option (dropdown menu)
- U.S. Armed Forces status: Choose an option (dropdown menu)
- Are you Hispanic or Latino?
 - Yes
 - No
- Clear Answer button
- Regardless of your answer to the prior question, please indicate how you identify yourself. (You may select one or more)
 - American Indian or Alaska Native
 - Asian
 - Black or African American
 - Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
 - White
- The questions in this section, while helpful to colleges, are entirely optional, and you're welcome to move on without answering them. Before you do, please confirm for us that you've completed this section to your satisfaction.*
 - Yes, I have completed this section to my satisfaction.

On the right side, there is an 'Applicant Chat?' notification box with the following text: 'Chat is available* Monday-Friday, 12pm-8pm Eastern Time (excluding holidays). Click on the "Contact" Read more'.

Leave this section blank. It is only useful for U.S. Citizens.

Profile



Profile

Language

Number of languages you are proficient in*

1

Select language*

English

Language proficiency*

First Language

Speak

Read

Write

Spoken at Home

Please specify at least one language as first language.

Continue

✓ Citizenship

✓ Common App Fee Waiver

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You can click more than one option in this list. Choose all that apply.

Select your level of proficiency.

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Profile

The screenshot shows the 'Citizenship' section of the Common App profile. The 'Language' dropdown is set to 'English'. Under 'Citizenship', the 'Select your citizenship status*' dropdown is set to 'Other (Non-US)'. The 'List citizenship(s)*' section shows 'Singapore' as a selected citizenship. Below this, there is a 'Click here for options' dropdown. The 'Do you currently hold a valid U.S. Visa?*' question has 'No' selected. A 'Clear Answer' button is present. Below the question, there is a note: 'If you intend to apply for a new or different U.S. Visa, please indicate that visa type'. The 'F-1 Student' visa type is selected in the dropdown. A 'Continue' button is at the bottom right. At the bottom of the page, there is a 'Common App Fee Waiver' section with a checkmark.

Language

Citizenship

Select your citizenship status*

Other (Non-US)

List citizenship(s)*

Singapore

Click here for options

Do you currently hold a valid U.S. Visa?*

Yes

No

Clear Answer

If you intend to apply for a new or different U.S. Visa, please indicate that visa type

F-1 Student

Continue

Common App Fee Waiver

Select 'F-1 Student' visa.

Profile

The screenshot shows the Common App profile page. On the left is a navigation menu with 'Activities', 'Writing', and 'Courses & Grades'. The main content area has several sections: 'Contact Details', 'Demographics' (with a green checkmark), 'Geography', 'Language', 'Citizenship' (with a green checkmark), and 'Common App Fee Waiver' (highlighted in blue). The 'Common App Fee Waiver' section contains a question: 'Our member colleges want to make sure that application fees do not pose a barrier for any student who wishes to apply for admission. Do you feel that your financial circumstances might qualify you for an application fee waiver?' with radio buttons for 'Yes' and 'No'. A red error message says 'Please complete this required question.' Below the question is a 'Clear Answer' button and a 'Continue' button. On the right sidebar, a green box highlights a 'Read more' link under the heading 'What are the hours for Applicant Chat?'. The footer contains copyright information and social media icons.

Only click this if you genuinely need financial assistance. See criteria below.

Fee Waiver

Common App Fee Waiver

Our member colleges want to make sure that application fees do not pose a barrier for any student who wishes to apply for admission. Do you feel that your financial circumstances might qualify you for an application fee waiver?
[Learn more*](#)

Yes
 No

! You must meet at least one of the following indicators of economic need to qualify for an application fee waiver. Select all that apply:*

- I have received or am eligible to receive an ACT or SAT testing fee waiver
- I am enrolled in or am eligible to participate in the Federal Free or Reduced Price Lunch program (FRPL)
- My annual family income falls within the Income Eligibility Guidelines set by the USDA Food and Nutrition Service
- I am enrolled in a federal, state, or local program that aids students from low-income families (e.g., TRIO programs such as Upward Bound)
- My family receives public assistance
- I live in federally subsidized public housing, a foster home or am homeless
- I am a ward of the state or an orphan
- I can provide a supporting statement from a school official, college access counselor, financial aid officer, or community leader

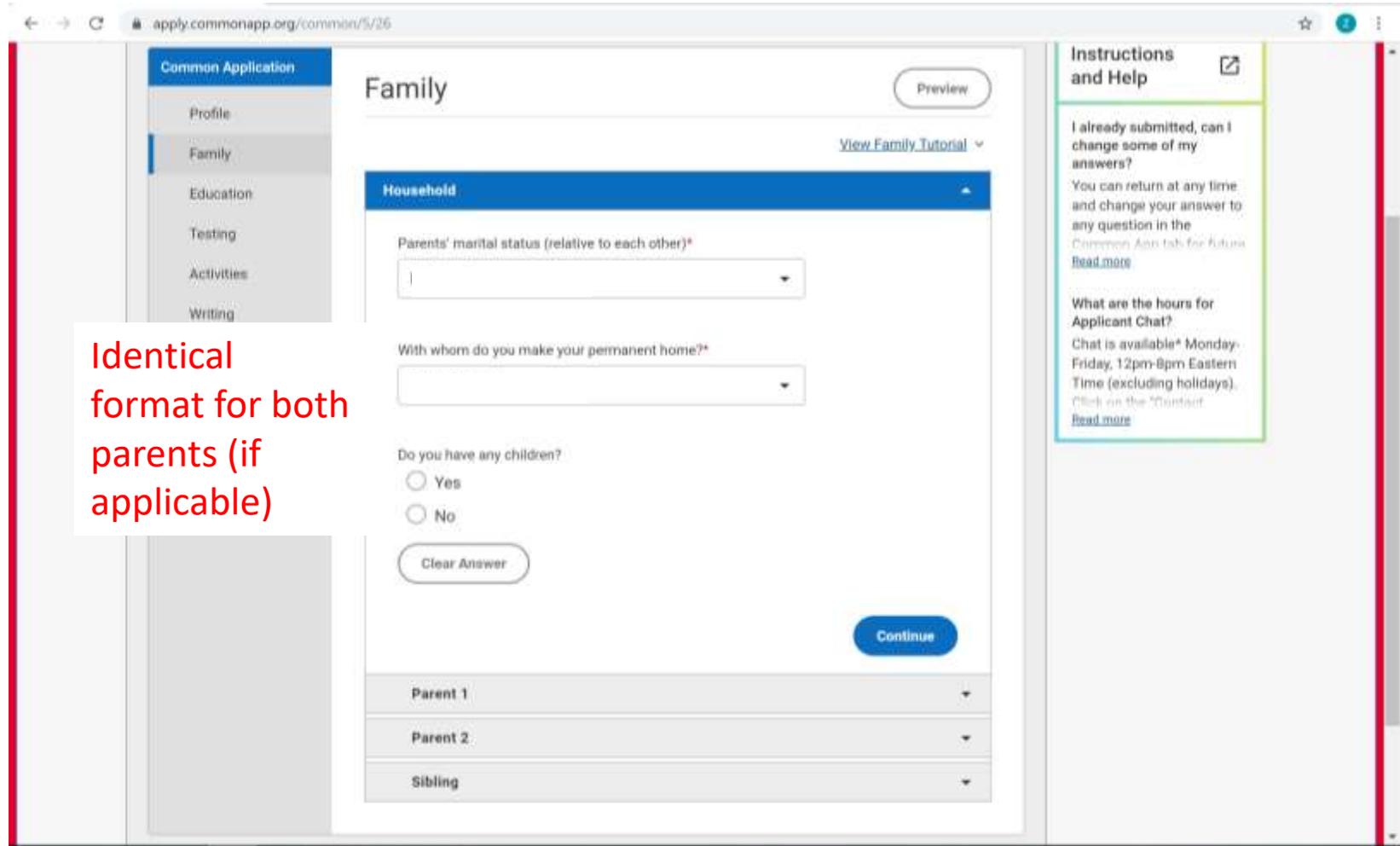
The first few criteria apply to U.S. Citizens only.

The College must verify your financial status.

Fee Waiver

- The College will use the criteria for **MOE Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS)** to determine eligibility for fee waiver.
- Students requesting must either already be recipients of financial assistance or meet the criteria.
- If not currently on assistance but eligible, please supply income statements to the College via Ms Daphne Teo
- Please note that fraudulent claims are a very serious offence!

Family



Identical format for both parents (if applicable)

Family

The screenshot shows the 'Family' section of the Common App. The browser address bar displays the URL: <https://apply.commonapp.org/ca4app#lc/0/27?sid=5&t=1439251848606>. The form fields are as follows:

- Occupation (former occupation, if retired) ***: A dropdown menu with 'Engineer' selected.
- Employment status ***: Radio buttons for 'Employed' (selected), 'Unemployed', 'Retired', and 'Self-Employed'. A 'Clear' link is below.
- Position/Title ***: A text input field containing 'Systems Analyst'.
- Parent is employed by or retired from a college or university**: Radio buttons for 'Yes' and 'No'. A 'Clear' link is below.
- Education level ***: A dropdown menu with 'Graduated from college/university' selected.
- Total number of institutions attended ***: A dropdown menu with 'Select' selected.

At the bottom of the form, there are 'Back' and 'Continue' buttons. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the time as 08:24 AM on 11/05/2015.

You can type in local university or polytechnic names here.

Family

the ... [+]
[more] ↗

Siblings
You may add siblings, half siblings, or step ... [+]
[more] ↗

Sibling

Please specify number of siblings you have *

1 x

First/Given name *

Middle initial

Last/Family/Surname *

Age

Relationship *

Select

Education level *

Select

[Back](#) [Continue](#)

08:17 AM
11/05/2015

For siblings still in school, select 'Some elementary school' or 'Some high school', whichever is relevant.

Education

The screenshot shows the 'Education' section of the Common App. The browser address bar displays 'apply.commonapp.org/common/4/18'. On the left, a sidebar contains navigation options: 'Testing', 'Activities', 'Writing', and 'Courses & Grades (0 college(s) require)'. The main content area is titled 'Current or most recent secondary/high school *' and lists the following information for 'Anglo-Chinese Junior College': '25 Dover Close E', 'Singapore 139745', 'SGP', 'Independent', and 'CEEB Code : 687140'. Below this information are 'Change' and 'Remove' buttons. A 'Date of entry*' field is set to 'January 2018'. The question 'Is this a boarding school?*' has 'No' selected. The question 'Did or will you graduate from this school?*' has 'Yes' selected. At the bottom, the 'Graduation date*' field is set to 'December 2019' and is circled in red. A red box on the right contains the instructions: '1) Click 'Find School'' and '2) Key in CEEB Code 687 140 to find Anglo-Chinese Junior College'. A red line is drawn vertically on the right side of the form. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the time as 2:19 PM on 7/10/2019.

- 1) Click 'Find School'
- 2) Key in CEEB Code **687 140** to find Anglo-Chinese Junior College

Graduation date* **December 2019** Graduation: December of your JC2 year.

Education

Please make sure you have asked the relevant Counsellor first.

Please indicate if any of these options will have affected your progression through or since secondary/high school. Check all that apply.*

- Did or will graduate early
- Did or will graduate late
- Did or will take time off
- Did or will take gap year
- No change in progression

Counselor's prefix

Choose an option

Counselor's first name*

Counselor's middle initial

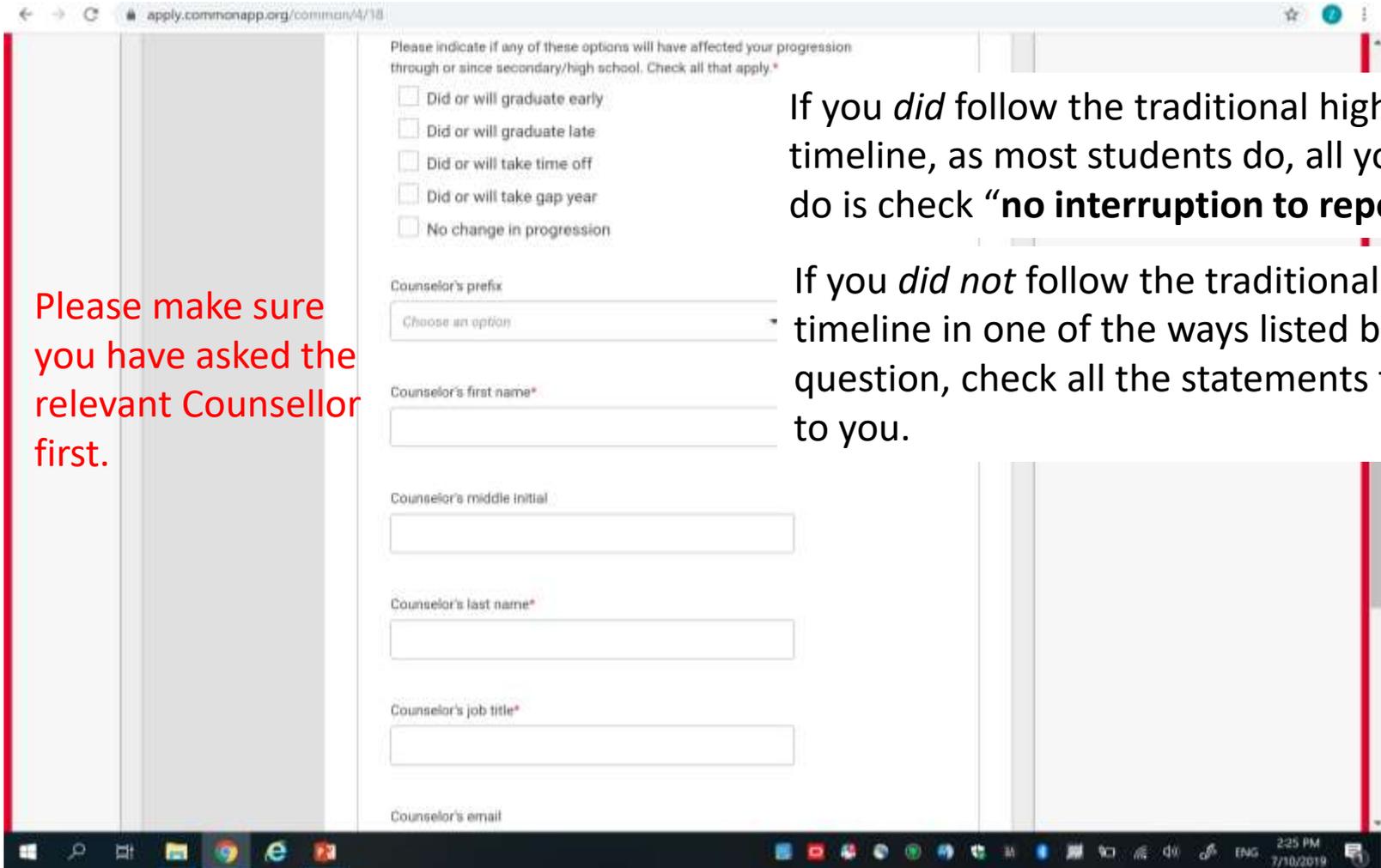
Counselor's last name*

Counselor's job title*

Counselor's email

If you *did* follow the traditional high-school timeline, as most students do, all you have to do is check **“no interruption to report.”**

If you *did not* follow the traditional high-school timeline in one of the ways listed below the question, check all the statements that apply to you.



Education

apply.commonapp.org/common/4/19

Testing
Activities
Writing
Courses & Grades
0 college(s) require

Other Secondary/High Schools

If you have attended any secondary/high schools not listed in the previous section, please indicate the number of schools.*

1

Secondary/high school 2 *

Find School

Secondary/high school 2 from date*

Example: August 2002

Date should be entered in the Month Year format.

Secondary/high school 2 to date*

Example: August 2002

Date should be entered in the Month Year format.

Please provide details about why you left each of

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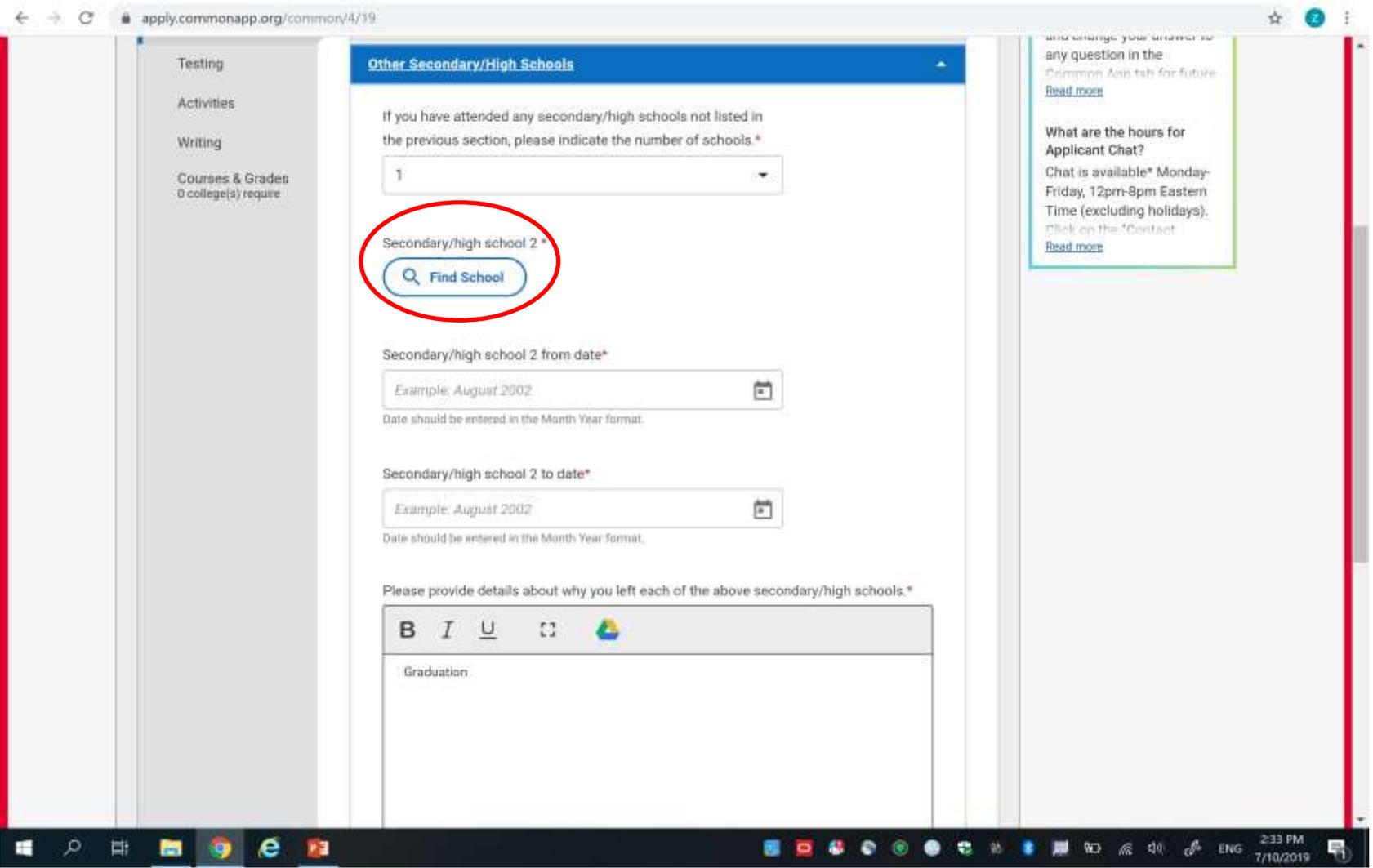
Graduation

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Click on the *Contact more

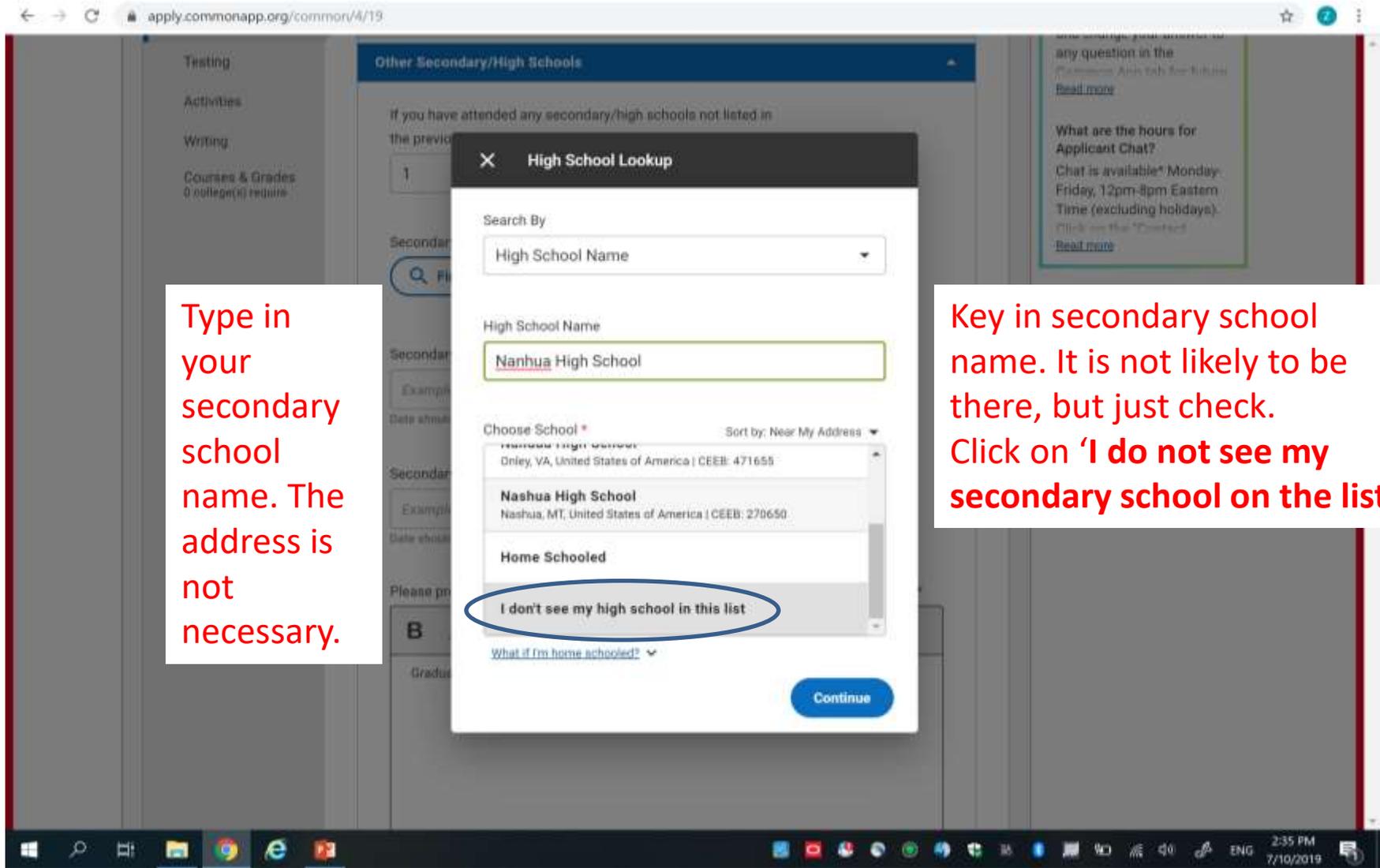
2:33 PM 7/10/2019

Key in secondary school name. It is not likely to be there, but just check.
You will get an option that says 'I do not see my secondary school on the list.'
Click that.

Education



Education



Type in your secondary school name. The address is not necessary.

Key in secondary school name. It is not likely to be there, but just check. Click on 'I do not see my secondary school on the list.'

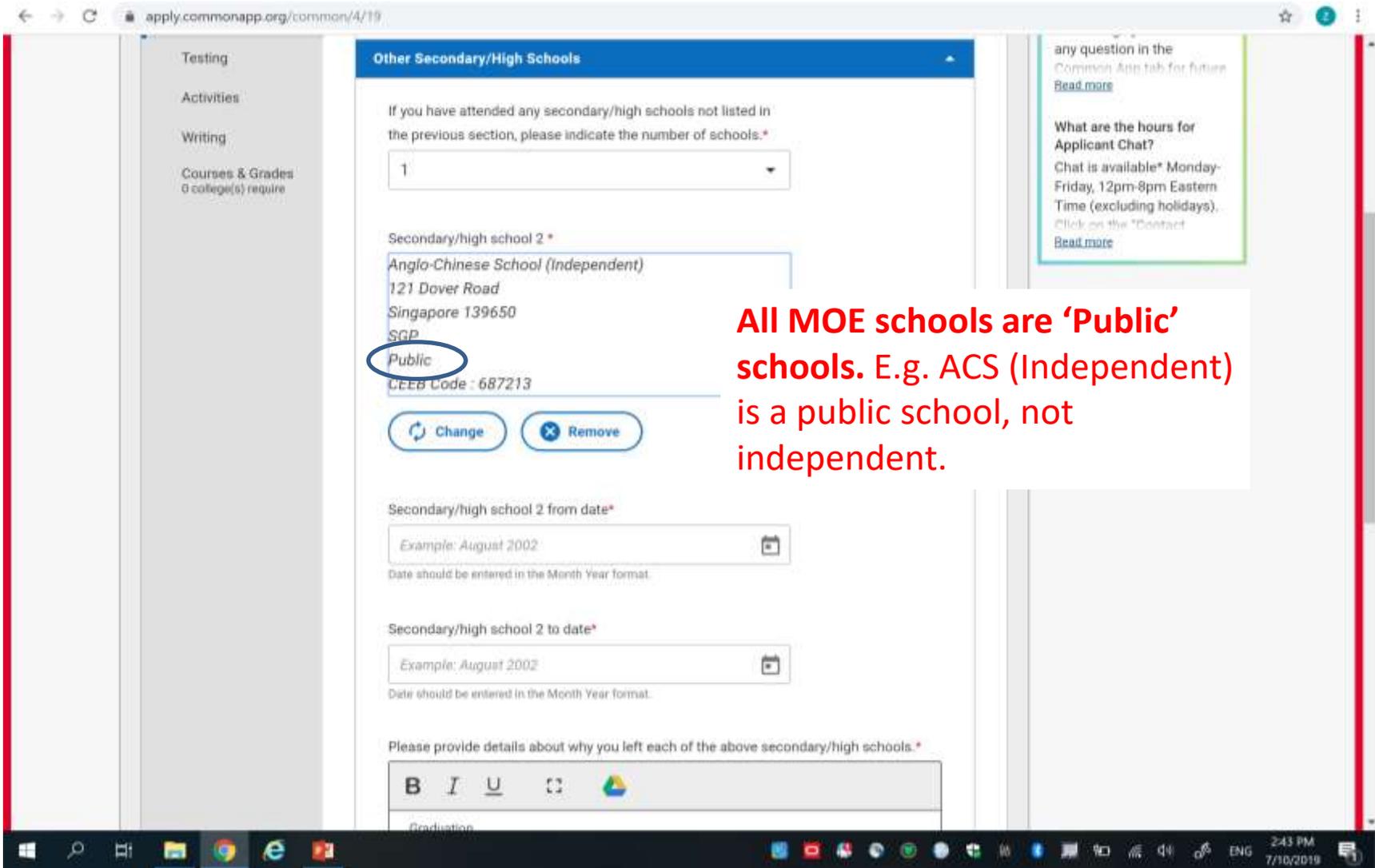
Education

The screenshot shows the 'School Information' form in the Common App interface. The form includes fields for 'High School Name*' (Methodist Girls' School), 'Country*' (United States of America), and 'School Type*'. The 'School Type*' dropdown menu is open, showing options: Public, Charter, Religious, Home School, and Independent. The 'Public' option is highlighted with a green bar and a blue oval. The background shows the 'Other Secondary/High Schools' section of the application.

Type in your secondary school name. The address is not necessary.

All MOE schools are 'Public' schools. E.g. ACS (Independent) is a public school, not independent.

Education



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Education

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://apply.commonapp.org/ca4app#lc/0/20?sid=4&t=1439278123707>. The page is titled 'Education' and features a sidebar with navigation options: Education, Testing, Activities, and Writing. The main content area is titled 'Education Interruption' and contains the following text: 'Please indicate if your progression through secondary school was or will be delayed or interrupted in any way. Check all that apply. *'. Below this text is a list of checkboxes with the following options: 'did or will not graduate', 'did or will graduate early', 'did or will graduate late', 'did or will change secondary schools', 'did or will take time off', 'did or will take gap year', 'did or will receive high school equivalency', and 'I have no interruption to report'. At the bottom of the form are 'Back' and 'Continue' buttons. To the right of the form, there is a text box with the message: 'If your progression through secondary school was or will be delayed or interrupted in any way, you ... [+]' and a '[more]' link with a right-pointing arrow. The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows various application icons and the system clock indicating 03:20 PM on 11/06/2015.

You can indicate here if you took a gap year. You will be prompted to provide some details. This is where you can fill in NS information.

Education

apply.commonapp.org/common/4/21

Colleges & Universities

If you have ever taken coursework at a college or university, please indicate the number of colleges.*

1

College 1*

Find College

Course details

Dual enrollment with high school

Summer program

Credit awarded directly by college

College 1 from date*

January 2019

Date should be entered in the Month Year format.

College 1 to date*

April 2019

Date should be entered in the Month Year format.

Degree earned

Choose an option

Read more

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Read more

For students who have External H3 with NUS, NTU, SMU only.

(AP Programmes should not be entered.)

Under 'Degree earned', leave blank.

Education

The screenshot shows the 'Education' section of the Common App. The 'Grades' tab is selected. The form includes the following fields:

- Graduating class size (approx.)*: [Empty text box]
- Class rank reporting: [Dropdown menu with 'Quintile' selected]
- Quintile rank*: [Dropdown menu with 'Choose an option' selected]
- Rank weighting*: [Dropdown menu with 'Unweighted' selected]
- GPA Scale reporting: [Dropdown menu with 'Choose an option' selected]
- Cumulative GPA: [Empty text box]
- GPA weighting: [Dropdown menu with 'Choose an option' selected]

On the right side of the form, there is a chat window titled 'What are the hours for Applicant Chat?' with the text: 'Chat is available* Monday-Friday, 12pm-8pm Eastern Time (excluding holidays). Click on the "Contact" [Read more](#)'.

Graduating class size: 750

Class rank reporting: Quintile

Quintile rank: (As an approximation, take average of all your quintile rankings of H1 and H2 subjects at Prelim.)

Rank weighting: Unweighted

Leave the rest blank.

Education

The screenshot shows the 'Current or Most Recent Year Courses' section of the Common App. The page title is 'Courses & Grades' with a sub-header '0 college(s) require'. The main heading is 'Current or Most Recent Year Courses'. Below this, there is a text prompt: 'Please list all courses you are taking this academic year. If you are not currently enrolled, please list courses from your most recent academic year.' This is followed by a dropdown menu for 'How many courses would you like to report?*' with the value '7'. Next is a dropdown for 'Please select the course scheduling system your institution is using.*' with the value 'Semester'. The first course entry includes a text field for 'Course 1 title*' with the value 'Chemistry', a dropdown for 'Course 1 level, if applicable' with the value 'AS/A-level/International A-level, Cambridge AICE', and a button for 'Course 1 schedule*' with the value 'Full Year'. Below this is a dropdown menu with the text 'Click here for options'. The second course entry starts with 'Course 2 title*'. A notification box in the top right corner states: 'List is available! Thursday, Friday, 12pm-8pm Eastern Time (excluding holidays). Click on the "Contact" link to read more.' The browser address bar shows 'apply.commonapp.org/common/4/24'. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the time as 3:04 PM on 7/10/2019.

Report all your **H1, H2 & H3** subjects.

Scheduling system – semester

Course title – (subject)

Course level – leave blank

Schedule – 'Full year' for all A-level courses.

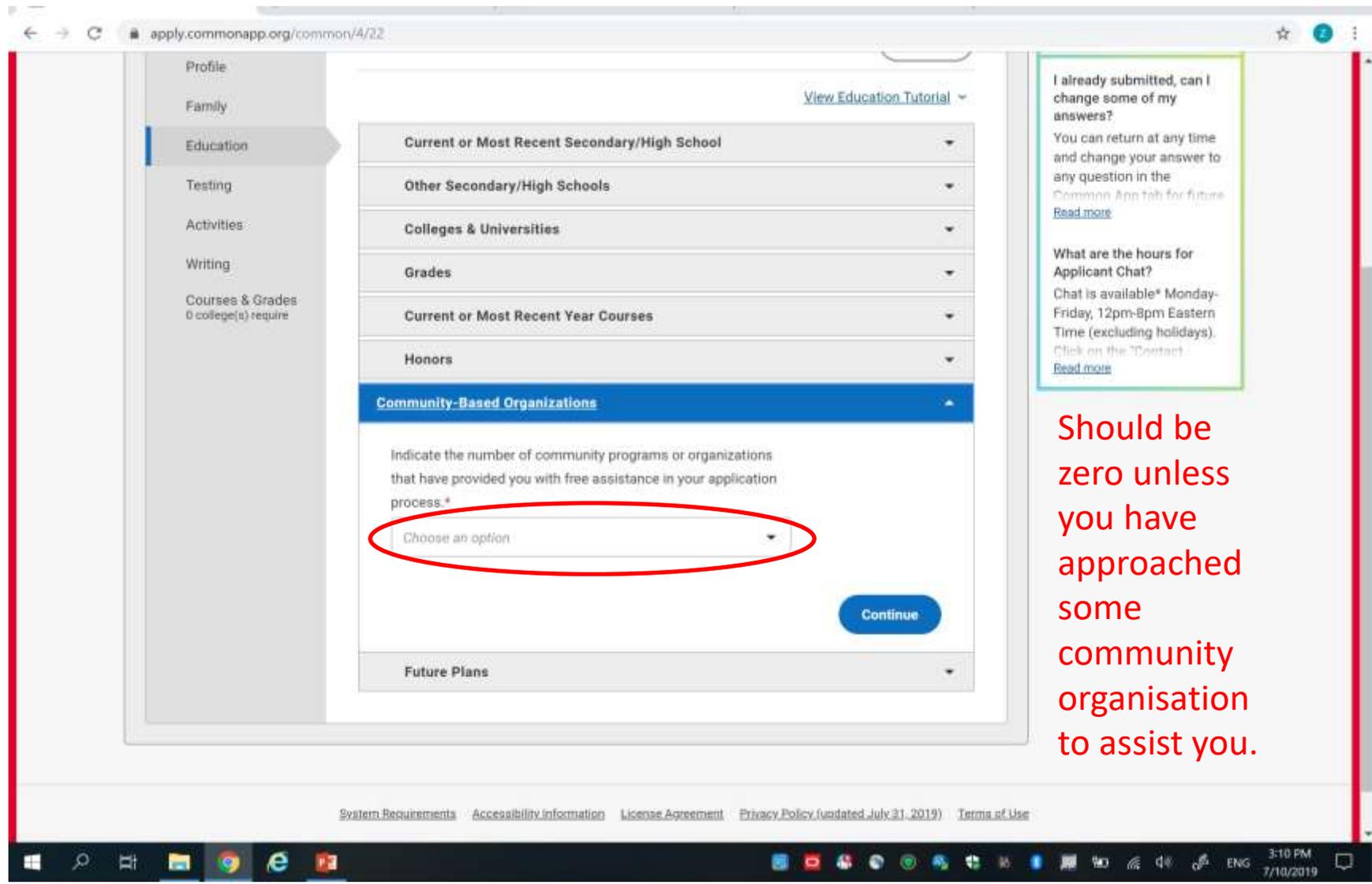
Education

The screenshot shows the 'Honors' section of the Common App application. The page title is 'Honors'. The instructions state: 'If you have received any honors related to your academic achievements beginning with the ninth grade or international equivalent, please indicate number of honors. If you received more than five, please add the five most important to you.*' A dropdown menu is set to '1'. Below this is a text input field for 'Honors 1 title*'. There are two sections of checkboxes: 'Grade level' with options for 9, 10, 11, 12, and Post-graduate; and 'Level(s) of recognition' with options for School, State/Regional, National, and International. A blue 'Continue' button is at the bottom right. A notification box in the top right corner says 'Time (excluding holidays). Click on the "Contact" Read more'. The browser address bar shows 'apply.commonapp.org/common/4/25'. The Windows taskbar is visible at the bottom with the date '7/10/2019' and time '3:08 PM'.

You can include scholarships and awards (e.g. Scholastic Merit Award) here. MOE (including ASEAN) scholarships should be national level. Book Prizes awarded by ACJC will be school level.

If you have a government / state board scholarship for university (eg PSC, EDB etc), you can enter that as post-graduate.

Education



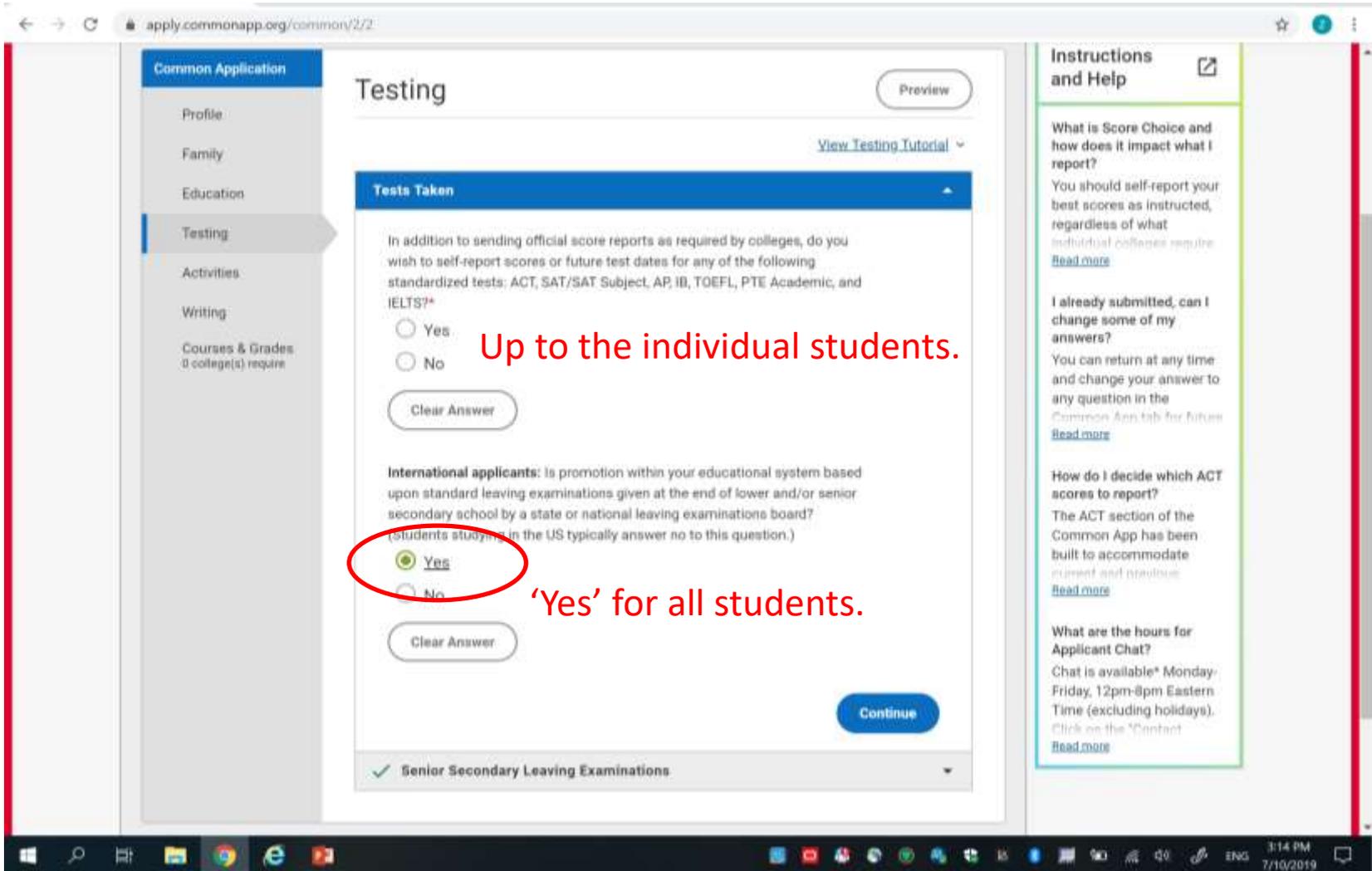
Should be zero unless you have approached some community organisation to assist you.

Education

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Include whatever your current plans might be.

Testing



Up to the individual students.

'Yes' for all students.

Under the 'Common App' tab

Education

- Testing
- Activities
- Writing

SAT Tests

Number of SAT scores you wish to report *
1

Number of future SAT sittings you expect *
1

Future testing date 1 *
January 2016

Highest critical reading score *
790

Critical reading date *
Month Day Year

Highest math score *
Select

Math date *
Month Day Year

Highest writing score *
Select

If you are unable to complete the SAT scores in the current format or you took the SAT before the t... [+]
[more]

Add all relevant testing details.

EN [system icons] 03:43 PM 11/08/2015

Under the 'Common App' tab

Testing

Senior Secondary Leaving Examinations

Number of Senior Secondary Leaving Examinations you have already taken*

2

Date taken*

November 2018

Examination board*

GCE A-levels

Academic subject*

H1 Project Work

Score*

A

Score type*

Actual

Predicted

Clear Answer

regardless of what individual colleges require

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Current JC2s, enter '1' for PW or '2' for PW and Mother Tongue.

Testing

Senior Secondary Leaving Examinations

Number of Senior Secondary Leaving Examinations you have already taken*

7

Date taken*

November 2018

Examination board*

GCE A-levels

Academic subject*

Geography

Score*

A

Score type

Actual

Predicted

Clear Answer

Alumni: Report all your A-level results here.

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Activities

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Activities

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Activities

Reporting activities can help colleges better understand your life outside of the classroom. Examples of activities might include:

- Arts or music
- Clubs
- Community engagement
- Family responsibilities
- Hobbies
- Sports
- Work or volunteering
- Other experiences that have been meaningful to you

Do you have any activities that you wish to report?*

Yes

No

Clear Answer

Continue

Instructions and Help

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What do I do if my activity type is not on the list?
If your activity type is not listed, you can select "Other Club/Activity" from the drop-down list. You can [Read more](#)

Under what grade should I list my summer job/activity?
Please list the summer job/activity with your rising grade. For example, if you have already completed the [Read more](#)

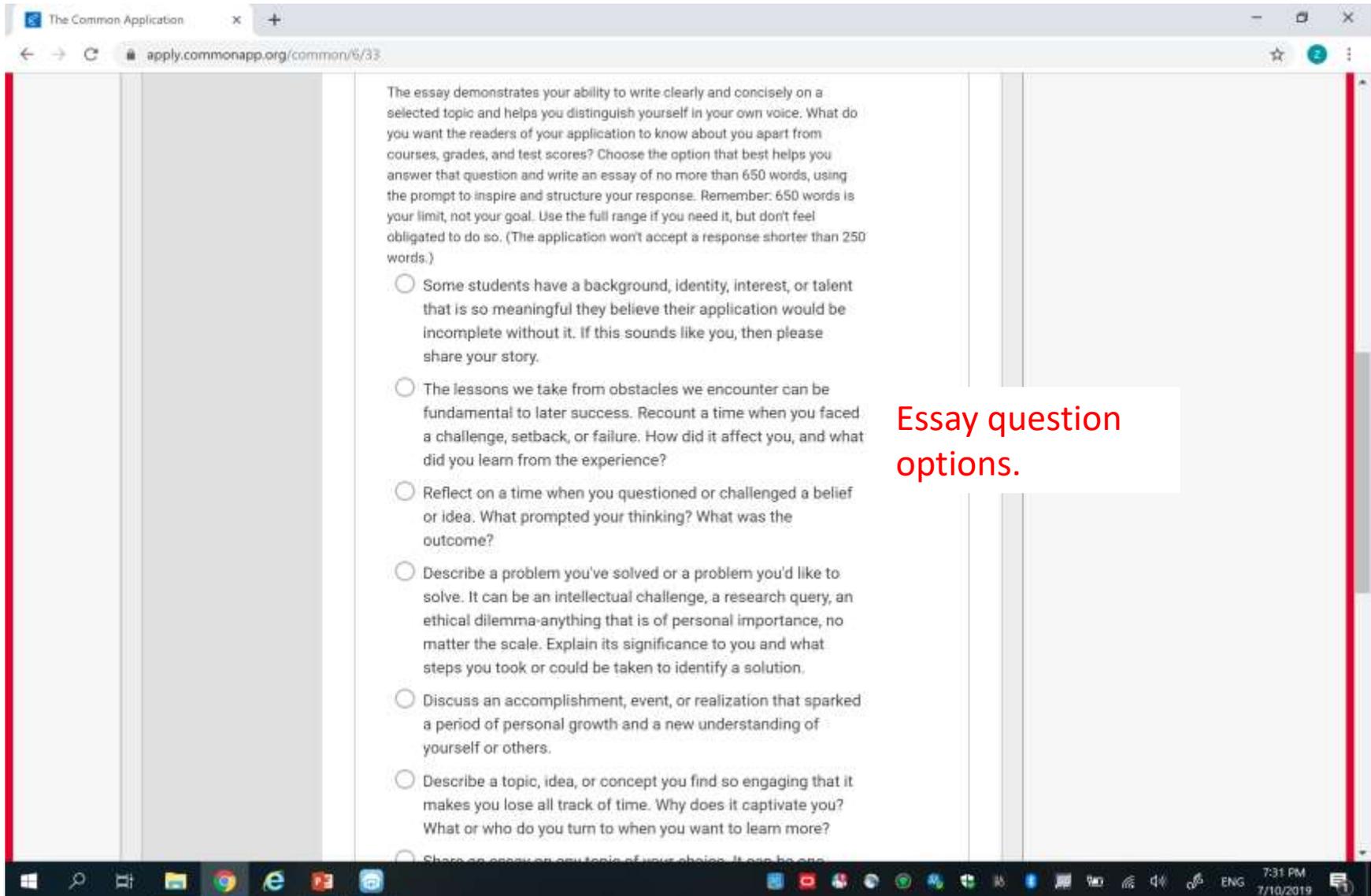
Select 'Yes' and enter your CCAs in this section.

You can include out of school activities as well as your CCA & VIA. You can include Sec 3 & 4 activities if you wish (as grade 9 & 10).

Under the 'Common App' tab

The screenshot shows the Common App website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs for 'Dashboard', 'My Colleges', 'Common App', 'College Search', and 'Financial Aid Resources'. The 'Common App' tab is active. On the left, a sidebar menu lists various sections, with 'Writing' highlighted. The main content area is titled 'Writing' and contains a 'Personal Essay' section. A red text box is overlaid on the bottom of the page, stating: 'This section will be filled in once you have selected your universities'. The page also features a 'Preview' button, a 'View Writing Tutorial' link, and a 'Sign Out' button in the top right corner. A welcome message for 'Zhao Ying' is visible in the top right, along with user information and a 'Sign Out' button. A 'Instructions and Help' sidebar is also present on the right side of the page.

Essay prompters



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL apply.commonapp.org/common/6/33. The page content includes an introductory paragraph and a list of seven essay prompts, each preceded by a radio button. A red vertical bar is visible on the left side of the browser window. A white callout box with red text is overlaid on the right side of the page.

The essay demonstrates your ability to write clearly and concisely on a selected topic and helps you distinguish yourself in your own voice. What do you want the readers of your application to know about you apart from courses, grades, and test scores? Choose the option that best helps you answer that question and write an essay of no more than 650 words, using the prompt to inspire and structure your response. Remember: 650 words is your limit, not your goal. Use the full range if you need it, but don't feel obligated to do so. (The application won't accept a response shorter than 250 words.)

- Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
- The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
- Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?
- Describe a problem you've solved or a problem you'd like to solve. It can be an intellectual challenge, a research query, an ethical dilemma—anything that is of personal importance, no matter the scale. Explain its significance to you and what steps you took or could be taken to identify a solution.
- Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
- Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?
- Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one

Essay question options.

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Discipline Records

The screenshot shows the Common App interface. On the left is a navigation menu with options: Profile, Family, Education, Testing, Activities, Writing (highlighted), and Courses & Grades. The main content area is titled 'Writing' and includes a 'Preview' button and a 'View Writing Tutorial' link. Below this, there are two sections: 'Personal Essay' (with a green checkmark) and 'Disciplinary History' (highlighted in blue). The 'Disciplinary History' section contains a 'Please Note:' paragraph, a question about disciplinary violations, two radio button options ('Yes' and 'No'), a 'Clear Answer' button, and a 'Continue' button. At the bottom of the section is an 'Additional Information' dropdown. On the right side of the screen, there is a 'Help and Help' sidebar with a question: 'How do colleges use Disciplinary History information?' and a 'Read more' link. The Windows taskbar is visible at the bottom with the date and time 7:34 PM 7/10/2019.

Do not include late-coming. This is for significant disciplinary issues. Please note that the application will cross-check with the Counsellor.

Additional Information

The screenshot displays the Common App interface. At the top left is the 'common app' logo. A navigation bar includes 'Dashboard', 'My Colleges', 'Common App', 'College Search', and 'Financial Aid Resources'. A user profile box in the top right says 'Welcome, Zhao Ying!' and includes links for 'Practice Applicant', 'Usage Tips PDF', and a 'Sign Out' button. The left sidebar lists 'Common Application', 'Profile', 'Family', 'Education', 'Testing', 'Activities', and 'Writing'. The main 'Writing' section has a 'Preview' button and a 'View Writing Tutorial' link. The 'Additional Information' section is highlighted in blue and contains a question with radio button options and a 'Continue' button. A right-hand sidebar titled 'Instructions and Help' provides guidance on changing answers and adding more information. A top right box shows a welcome message for Zhao Ying.

Not necessary to fill in. Only if you have something you feel will add to the application.

Under the 'Common App' tab

Additional Information

Dashboard My Colleges **Common App** College Search Financial Aid Resources

Common Application

- ✓ Profile
- ✓ Family
- Education
- ✓ Testing
- ✓ Activities
- ✓ Writing**
- Courses & Grades
0 college(s) require

Writing

Preview

[View Writing Tutorial](#) ▾

- ✓ Personal Essay ^
- ✓ Disciplinary History ^
- Additional Information** ▾

Community disruptions such as COVID-19 and natural disasters can have deep and long-lasting impacts. If you need it, this space is yours to describe those impacts. Colleges care about the effects on your health and well-being, safety, family circumstances, future plans, and education, including access to reliable technology and quiet study spaces. For more information, check out our [COVID-19 FAQ](#).

Do you wish to share anything on this topic?*

Yes

No

Clear answer

Please use this space to describe how these events have impacted you.*

B *I* U [Link] [Image]

Not necessary to fill in. Only if you have something you feel will add to the application.

Courses & Grades

common app

Welcome, Zhao Ying!
Practice Applicant [Usage Tips PDF](#)
CAID 24852689
so_zhao_ying@acjc.edu.sg

Dashboard My Colleges **Common App** College Search Financial Aid Resources

Common Application

- Profile
- Family
- Education
- Testing
- Activities
- Writing
- Courses & Grades** (0 college(s) require)

Courses & Grades Preview

Courses & Grades

Here is a list of your current colleges that require Courses & Grades:

Required	Not Used
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boston University Georgia Institute of Technology

If you are unable to obtain a copy of your transcript or your transcript does not show grades, that is okay. Colleges will not penalize you for this, and you will still be able to submit your application.

Your counselor will still need to submit official transcripts on your behalf.

I am able to obtain a copy of my transcript(s)*

Yes

No

[Instructions and Help](#)

I'm ready to submit my application but I don't have my transcripts yet. What can I do?
Before applying, please check with your counselor or school administration office to see if you can get [Read more](#)

Where should I list a course that offers both college and high school credit?
You should use the **Current or Most Recent Year Courses** section to capture all courses you are enrolled [Read more](#)

If my college does not require Courses & Grades, can I still send Courses & Grades to them?
No, you cannot send Courses & Grades

<https://apply.commonapp.org/common/13>

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Under the 'College Search' tab

College Search

Insert search parameters. You can do this more than once. You can also add additional schools later.

The screenshot shows the 'College Search' page on the Common App website. The browser address bar shows 'apply.commonapp.org/search'. The navigation menu includes 'Dashboard', 'My Colleges', 'Common App', 'College Search', and 'Financial Aid Resources'. The 'College Search' tab is active. The search input field contains 'Boston'. Below the input field, there is a 'More filters' button and a note: 'Separate multiple search terms with a comma, e.g.: Washington, Boston'. The search results are sorted by 'College Name' and show 15 results. The first few results are:

- Boston College (Chestnut Hill, MA - USA)
- Boston University (Boston, MA - USA)
- Emerson College (Boston, MA - USA)
- Emmanuel College (MA) (Boston, MA - USA)
- Fisher College (Boston, MA - USA)
- Lesley University (Cambridge, MA - USA)
- Massachusetts College of Art and Design (Boston, MA - USA)

On the right side of the page, there is an 'Instructions and Help' section with two articles:

- How do I find colleges that are a good fit for me?**
Planning for college doesn't have to be stressful. There are many free tools that can help you explore options. [Read more](#)
- How do I search for a college?**
The **College Search** tab allows you to find the Common App member colleges that interest you. [Read more](#)

The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the time as 3:28 PM on 7/10/2019.

Under the 'College Search' tab

Boston University

Add to My Colleges

Contact Info

Phone: [617.353.2300](tel:6173532300)
Email: admissions@bu.edu
Address: 233 Bay State Rd
Boston, MA 02215
USA

Links: [College Website](#) [Virtual Tour](#) [College Navigator](#)



Application Deadlines

September
First Year
Early Decision - 11/01/2019
Regular Decision - 01/06/2020
Early Decision II - 01/06/2020

January
First Year
Regular Decision - 11/01/2019

Application Information

Application Fees:
First Year Domestic Fee - \$80
First Year International Fee - \$80

Standardized Test Policy:
Sometimes Required
SAT w/o Essay or ACT w/o Essay
[Test Policy Information](#)

Courses & Grades:
Not Used

Recommendations:
School Report Required
Counselor Recommendation Required
Mid Year Report Required
Final Report Required
Teacher Evaluation(s): 1 Required, 1 Optional
Other Evaluation(s): 0 Required, 1 Optional

Saves school forms after matriculation:
Yes

Writing Requirements

Common App Personal Essay
1 Required

College Questions
1 Required Question
1 Optional Question
Additional Details

Depending on your answers to some questions you will be required to complete additional writing questions.

Writing Supplement

This college does not use a writing supplement for any additional writing requirements.

Add to My Colleges

How do I find colleges that are a good fit for me?
Planning for college doesn't have to be stressful. There are many free tools that can help you explore options.
[Read More](#)

How do I search for a college?
The **College Search** tab allows you to find the Common App member colleges that interest you.
[Read More](#)

- Look out for
- 1. Deadlines
- 2. No. of recommendations needed
- 3. No. of Essays needed

Specific University Questions

The screenshot shows the Common App interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Dashboard, My Colleges, Common App, College Search, and Financial Aid Resources. The 'My Colleges' dropdown menu is open, listing several universities, with 'Georgia Institute of Technology' selected and highlighted in blue. The main content area is titled 'Questions' and includes a 'Preview' button. Under the 'General' section, there is a message: 'The questions on this page are being asked by Georgia Institute of Technology'. Below this, there are two dropdown menus: 'Preferred start term*' and 'Preferred admission plan*', both with 'Choose an option' selected. At the bottom, there is an 'Affirmation *' section with an unchecked checkbox and a paragraph of text: 'I understand that any material false statement made knowingly and willingly by me on this application, or any documents attached hereto may, in accordance with O.C.G.A. 16-10-71, which provides that upon conviction, a person who knowingly commits the offense of false swearing shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than five years, or both, subject me to prosecution in a court of law. Additionally, I further understand that any such false statement may subject me to immediate dismissal from the institution. Further, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge,'. On the right side, there is a 'Instructions and Help' section with a checkmark icon, containing links for 'Preferred Admission Plan' and 'Parent / Guardian Residency'. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the time as 4:01 PM on 7/10/2019.

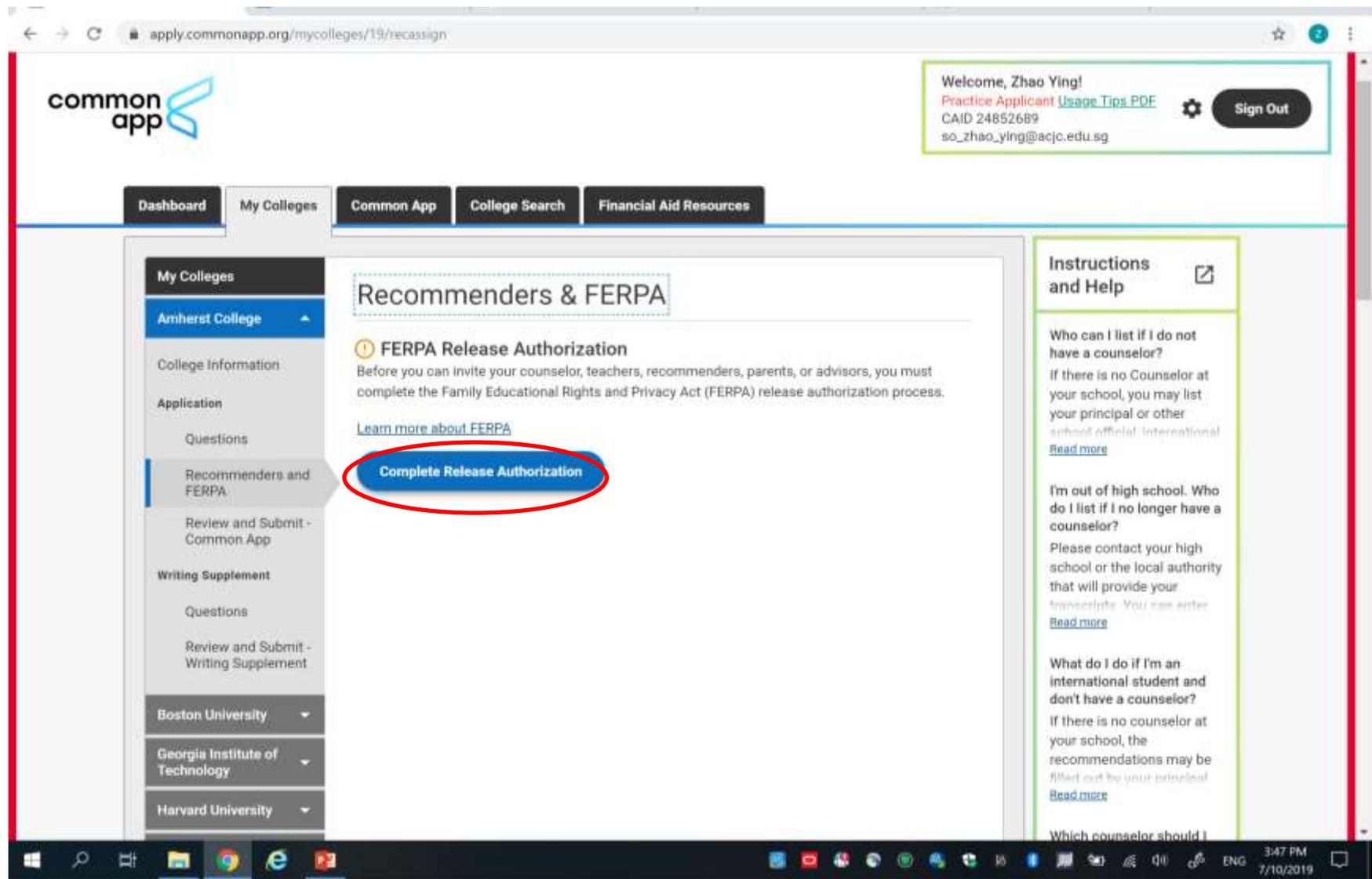
Under the 'College Search' tab

FERPA Waiver

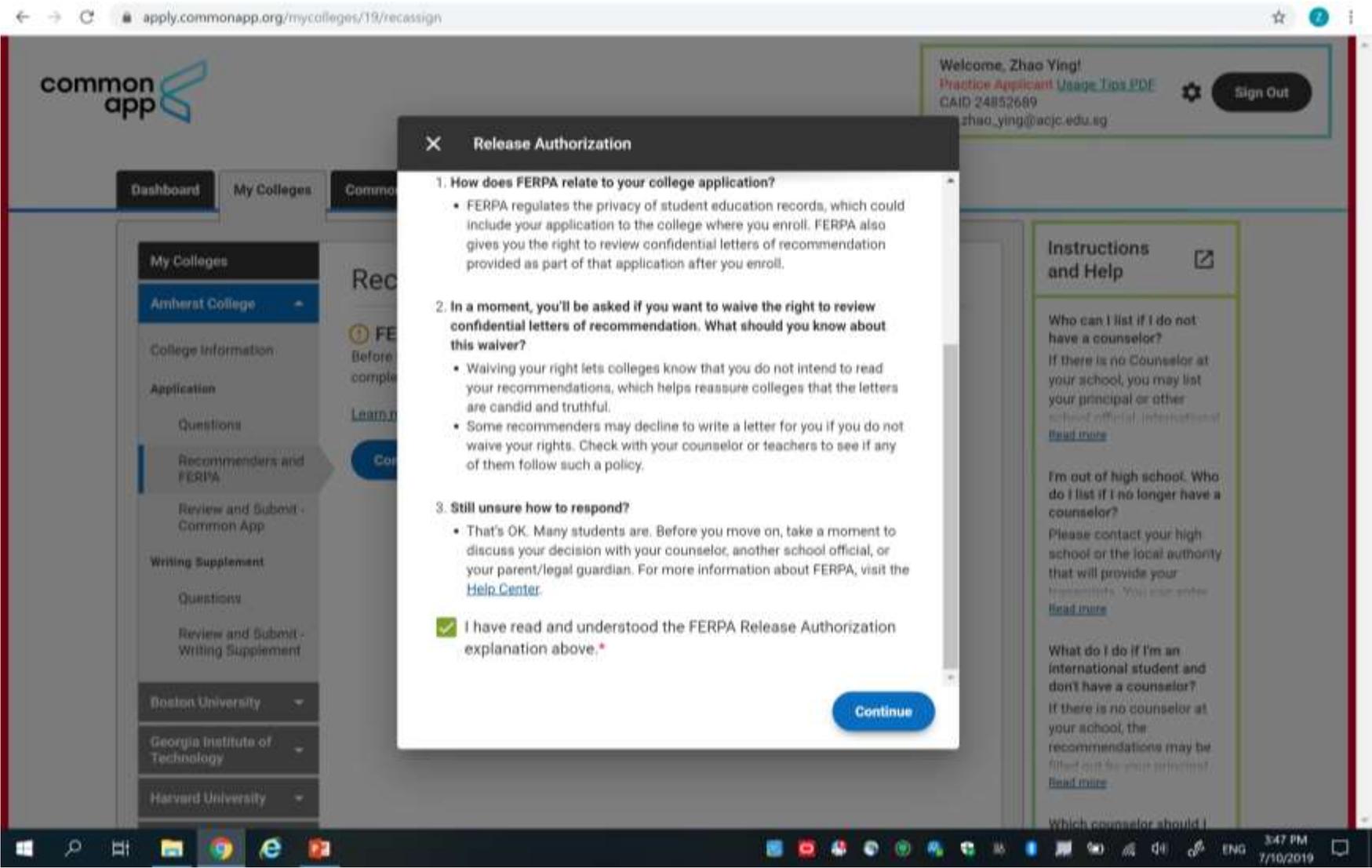
The screenshot shows the Common App user interface. At the top left is the Common App logo. A navigation bar contains 'Dashboard', 'My Colleges', 'Common App', 'College Search', and 'Financial Aid Resources'. A user profile box at the top right displays 'Welcome, Zhao Ying!' and includes links for 'Practice Applicant Usage Tips PDF', 'CAID 24852689', and 'no_zhao_ying@acjc.edu.sg', along with a 'Sign Out' button. The main content area is for 'Amherst College'. A left sidebar menu lists various options, with 'Recommendations and FERPA' circled in red. The main content area for Amherst College includes 'Contact Info' (Phone: (413) 542-2328, Fax: (413) 542-2040, Email: admission@amherst.edu, Address: Office of Admission, 220 South Pleasant Street, Amherst, MA 01002-5000, USA), 'Application Deadlines' (Fall 2020: First Year, Early Decision - 11/01/2019, Regular Decision - 01/01/2020), and 'Application Information'. A right sidebar titled 'Instructions and Help' contains several FAQ-style questions and links. The browser address bar shows 'apply.commonapp.org/mycolleges/19/about' and the Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the date and time as 3:45 PM on 7/10/2019.

Under the 'College Search' tab

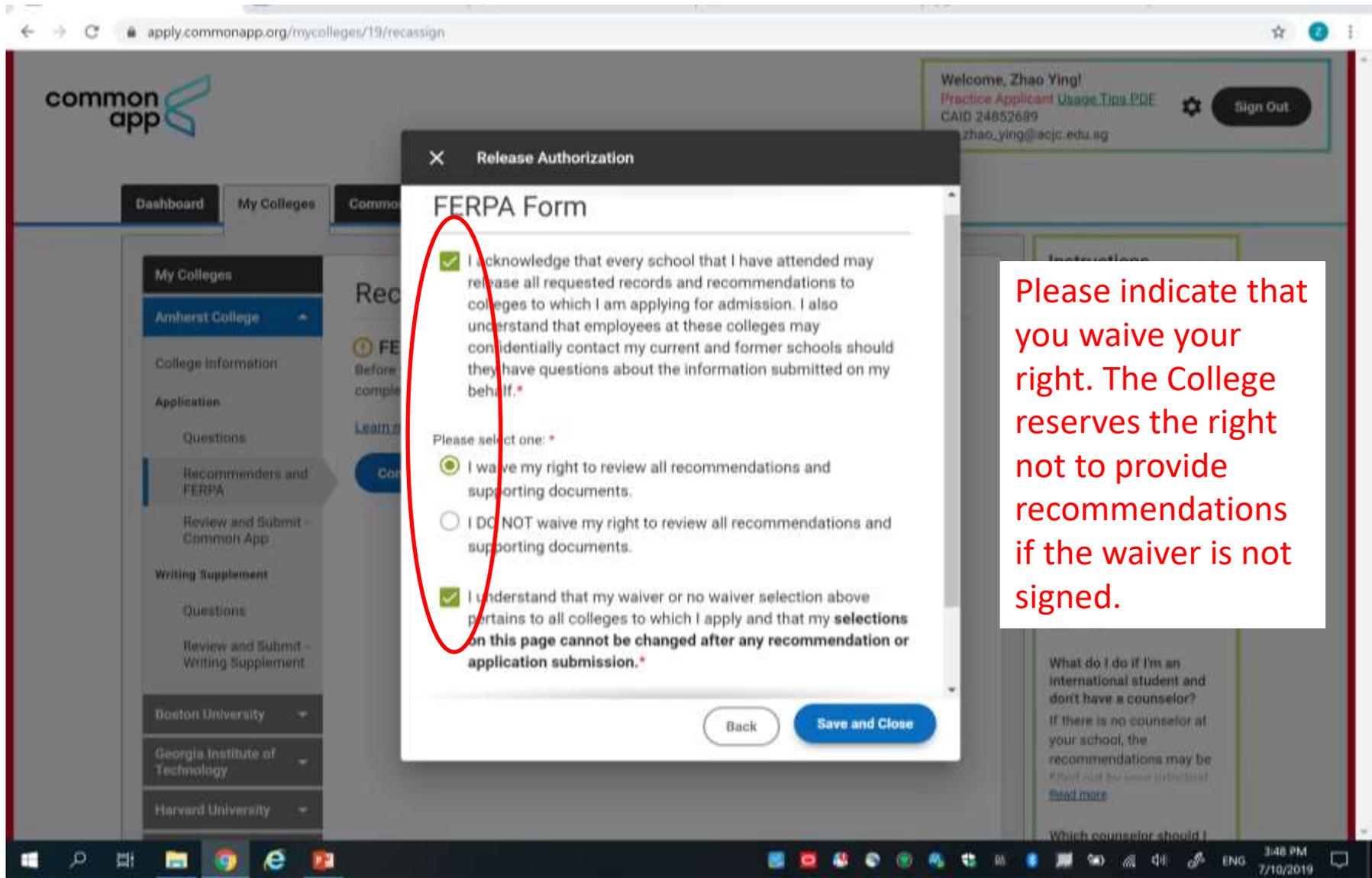
FERPA Waiver



FERPA Waiver



FERPA Waiver



Please indicate that you waive your right. The College reserves the right not to provide recommendations if the waiver is not signed.

Adding Recommenders

The screenshot shows the Common App interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Dashboard', 'My Colleges', 'Common App', 'College Search', and 'Financial Aid Resources'. The left sidebar lists 'My Colleges' with options for Amherst College, Boston University (selected), Georgia Institute of Technology, Harvard University, Johns Hopkins University, and University of Pennsylvania. The main content area is titled 'Recommenders & FERPA' and shows a 'FERPA Release Authorization' status of 'checked'. Below this, there are sections for 'Invite Recommenders', 'Counselor', and 'Teacher'. A modal window titled 'Invite Recommenders' is open, displaying five buttons: 'Invite Counselor', 'Invite Teacher', 'Invite Other Recommender', 'Invite Parent', and 'Invite Advisor'. A red text box on the right side of the screenshot contains instructions: 'You will be required to add the names and email addresses of the counsellor and teacher/s who will be providing your references. Ask for the teachers' permission before you enter their email addresses.'

Adding Recommenders

apply.commonapp.org/mycolleges/38/recassign

Recommenders & FERPA

✓ FERPA Release Authorization
[View Details](#)

Invite Recommenders

Recommenders are people who will submit forms and information to colleges on your behalf. Check out our [video about recommenders](#).

[Invite Recommenders](#) [Manage Recommenders](#)

✓ Counselor

Zhao Ying So School Counselor Invited on 10/07/2019	
Fee Waiver	Not Started
School Report	Not Started
Counselor Recommendation	Not Started
Optional Report	
Mid Year Report	
Final Report	

[Enable Preview](#) ⓘ

Teacher

Please select and assign the Teacher(s) below whose recommendation will be submitted to this college on your behalf. You must invite a teacher with the Invite Teacher button before you can assign them to this college.

Instructions and Help

Who can I list if I do not have a counselor?
If there is no Counselor at your school, you may list your principal or other school official. [International](#)
[Read more](#)

I'm out of high school. Who do I list if I no longer have a counselor?
Please contact your high school or the local authority that will provide your transcripts. You can enter [Read more](#)

What do I do if I'm an international student and don't have a counselor?
If there is no counselor at your school, the recommendations may be filled out by your principal. [Read more](#)

Which counselor should I invite?
You should invite your current counselor as they [Read more](#)

What do I do if I misspelled my recommender's name?
If you misspelled your [Read more](#)

'Enable Preview' is recommended.

Manage your Colleges

Dashboard **My Colleges** **Common App** **College Search** **Financial Aid Resources**

My Colleges

- Boston College
- Boston University
- Emmanuel College (MA)
- Harvard University**

College Information

Application

- ✓ Questions
- Recommenders and FERPA
- Review and Submit - Common App

Writing Supplement

- ✓ Questions
- Review and Submit -

Harvard University

Contact Info

Phone: [\(617\) 495-1551](tel:(617)495-1551)
Email: college@fas.harvard.edu
Address: 86 Brattle St
Cambridge, MA 02138
USA

Links: [College Website](#) · [Virtual Tour](#) · [College Navigator](#)

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Application Deadlines

Fall 2021

First Year

- Restrictive Early Action - 11/01/2020
- Regular Decision - 01/01/2021

Application Information

Manage the list of your Colleges in this tab

The tick indicates that portion is complete. Look out for incomplete sections

Additional Information

- The same reports go to all universities listed on the Common Application.
- Teachers do not have to write a new report if you add an additional university. The existing report will be sent.

Documents for Recommenders and Counsellors

1. A list of all the universities and courses you are applying to, including information about which ones you are applying to under Early Decision or Early Action.
2. Essays / personal statements

Documents for Counsellor

Send the scanned PDF files (Certified true) of these files to your Counsellor for uploading:

1. Sec 3 & Sec 4 Report Cards
 2. O-level certificate
 3. PW certificate
 4. MTL certificate
 5. A-level certificate (after results are released)
- **Note: all certificates to be scanned pdf copies of less than 500kb. The system WILL NOT LOAD any other format.**

Predicted Grades

As the applicant, it is your responsibility to make the following arrangements about your predicted grades:

1. Ask for your Form Teachers' assistance to collate your predicted grades from your Subject Teachers
2. Ask your Form Teacher to send the predicted grades to your School Counselor

****Please note that the predicted grades will not be revealed to students.*

Important reminders

- Please ask your teachers early!
- Inform them of all application modes if you are using more than one.
- Teachers will not pay for postage for paper applications.
- It is YOUR responsibility to provide all necessary documentation in the required formats.

Q and A

- Thank you and the HECG team wishes you all the best in your applications
- If there are any questions, you may look for Mr Kelvin yu : kelvin_yu@acjc.edu.sg