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.

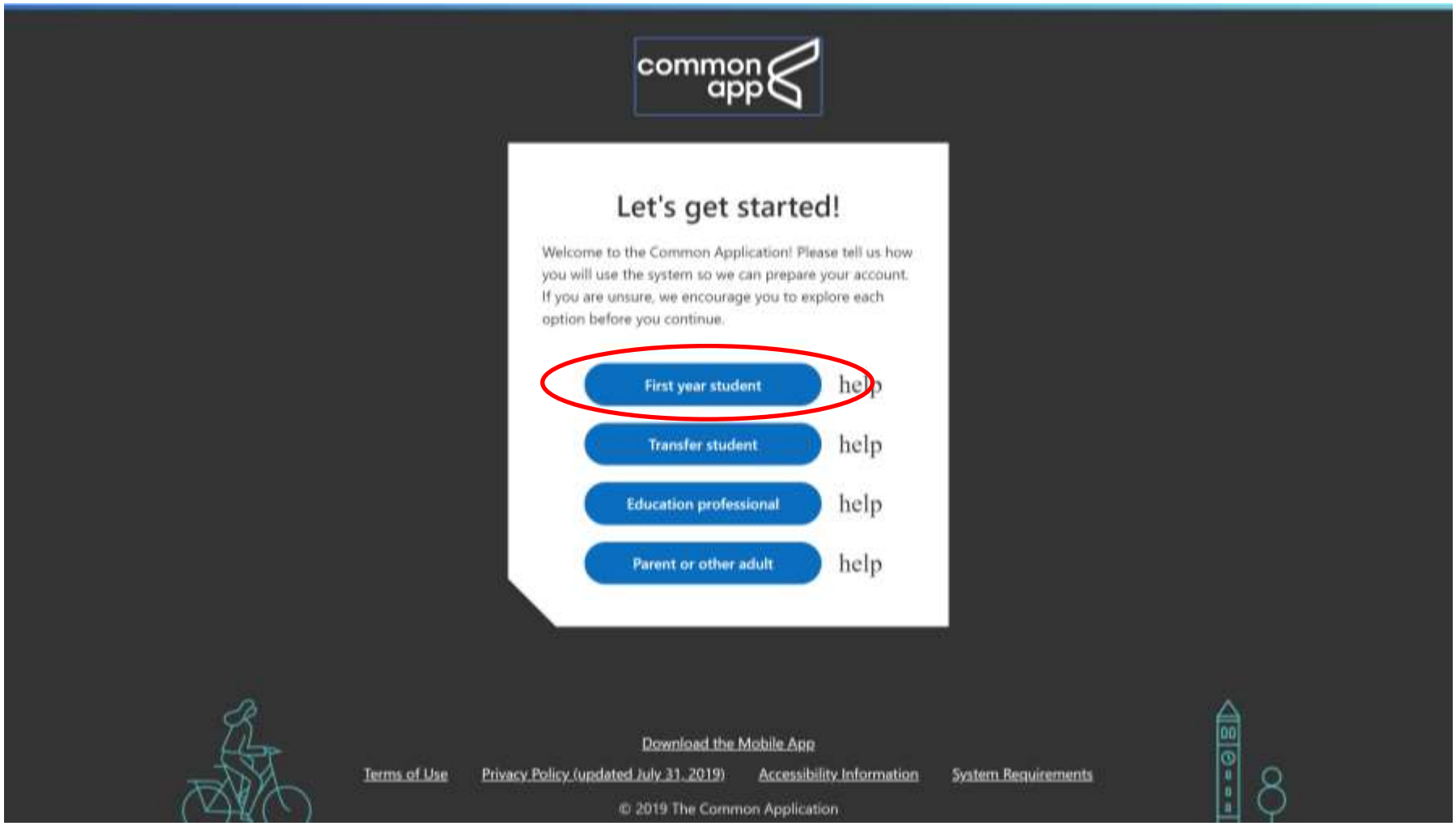
Source: http://professionals.collegeboard.com/guidance/applications/early

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.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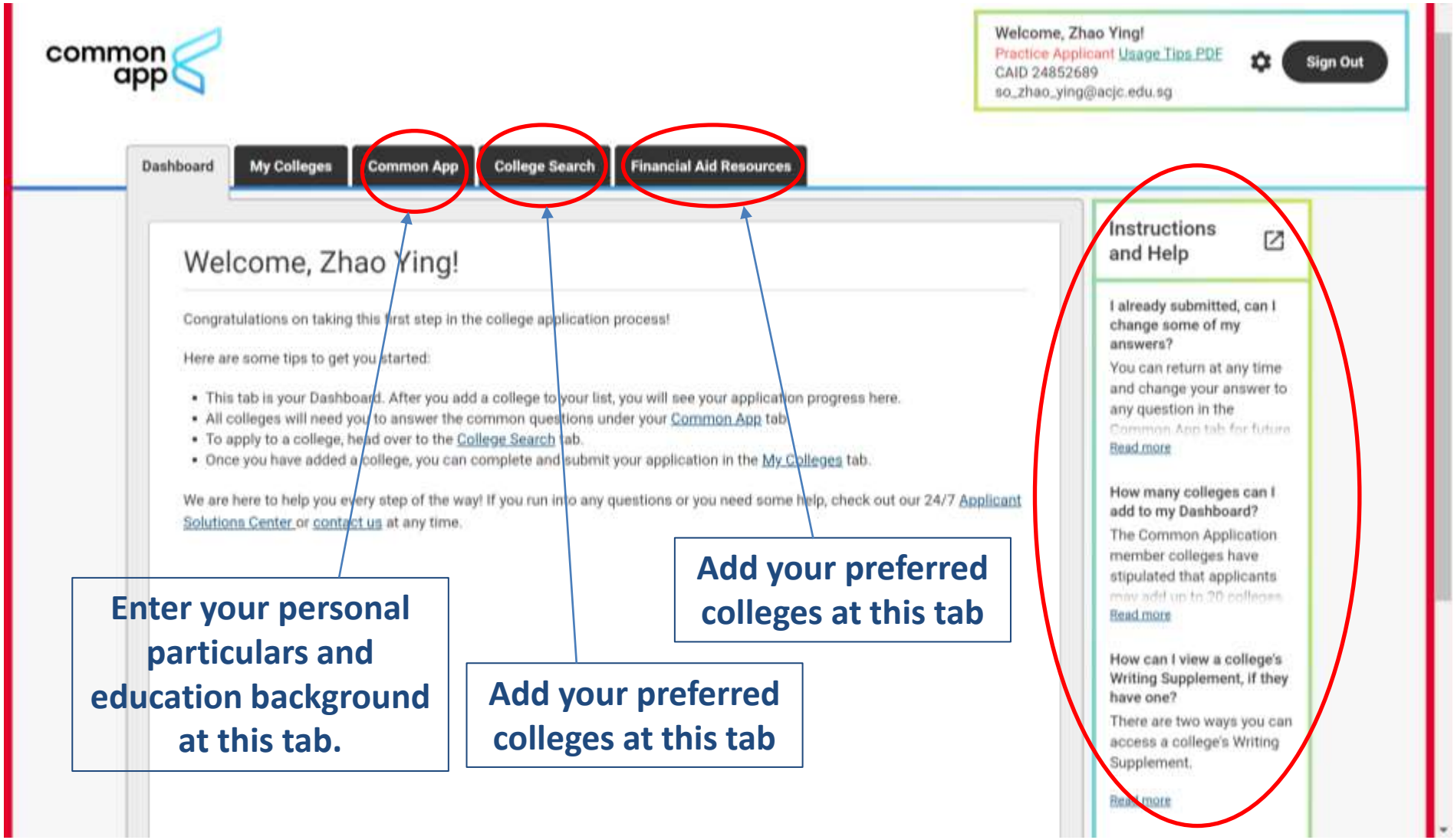

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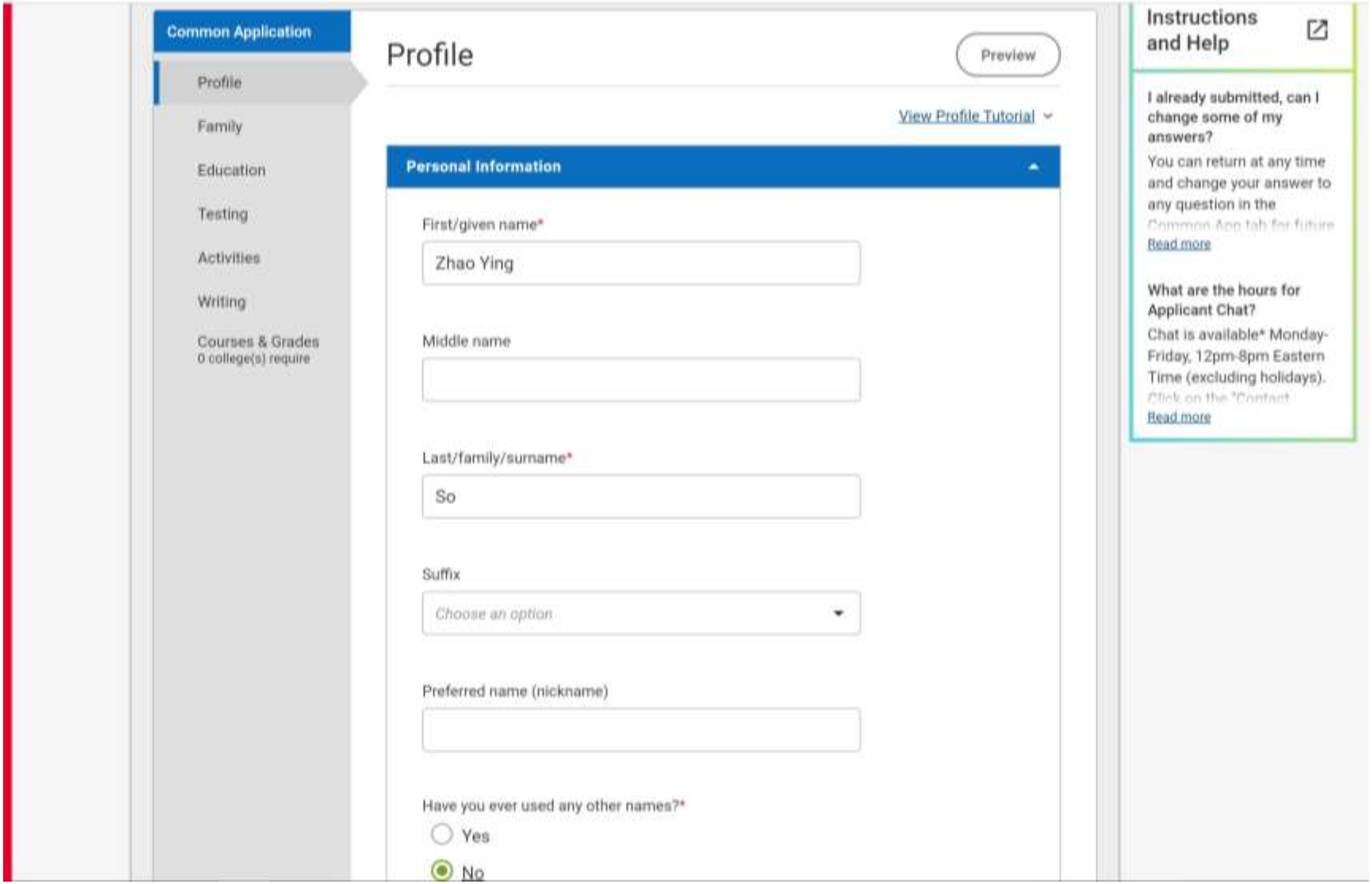
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I already submitted, can I change some of my answers?
You can return at any time and change your answer to any question in the
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What are the hours for Applicant Chat?
Chat is available* Monday-Friday, 12pm-8pm Eastern Time (excluding holidays).
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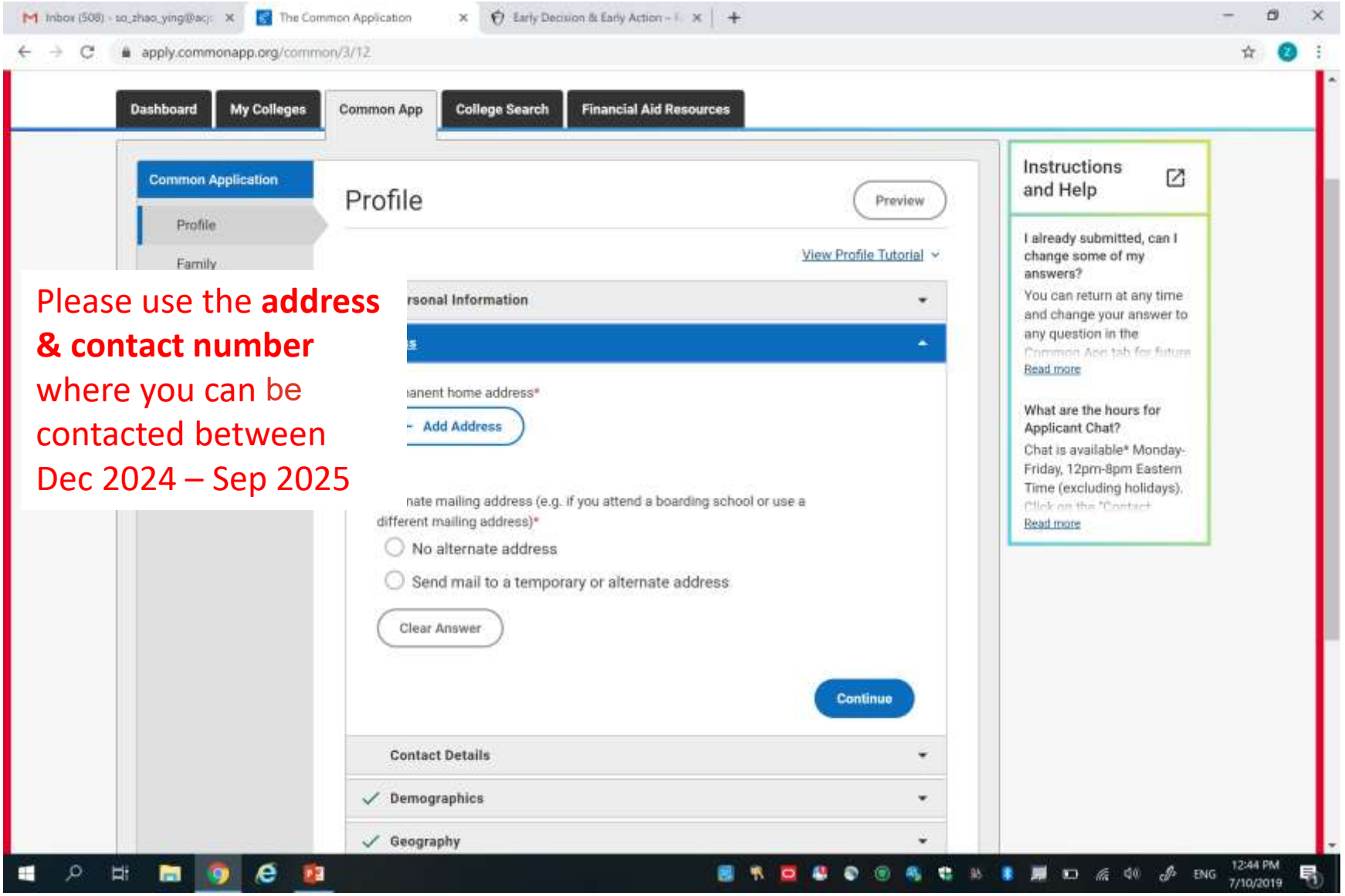

Please use the **address & contact number** where you can be contacted between Dec 2024 – Sep 2025

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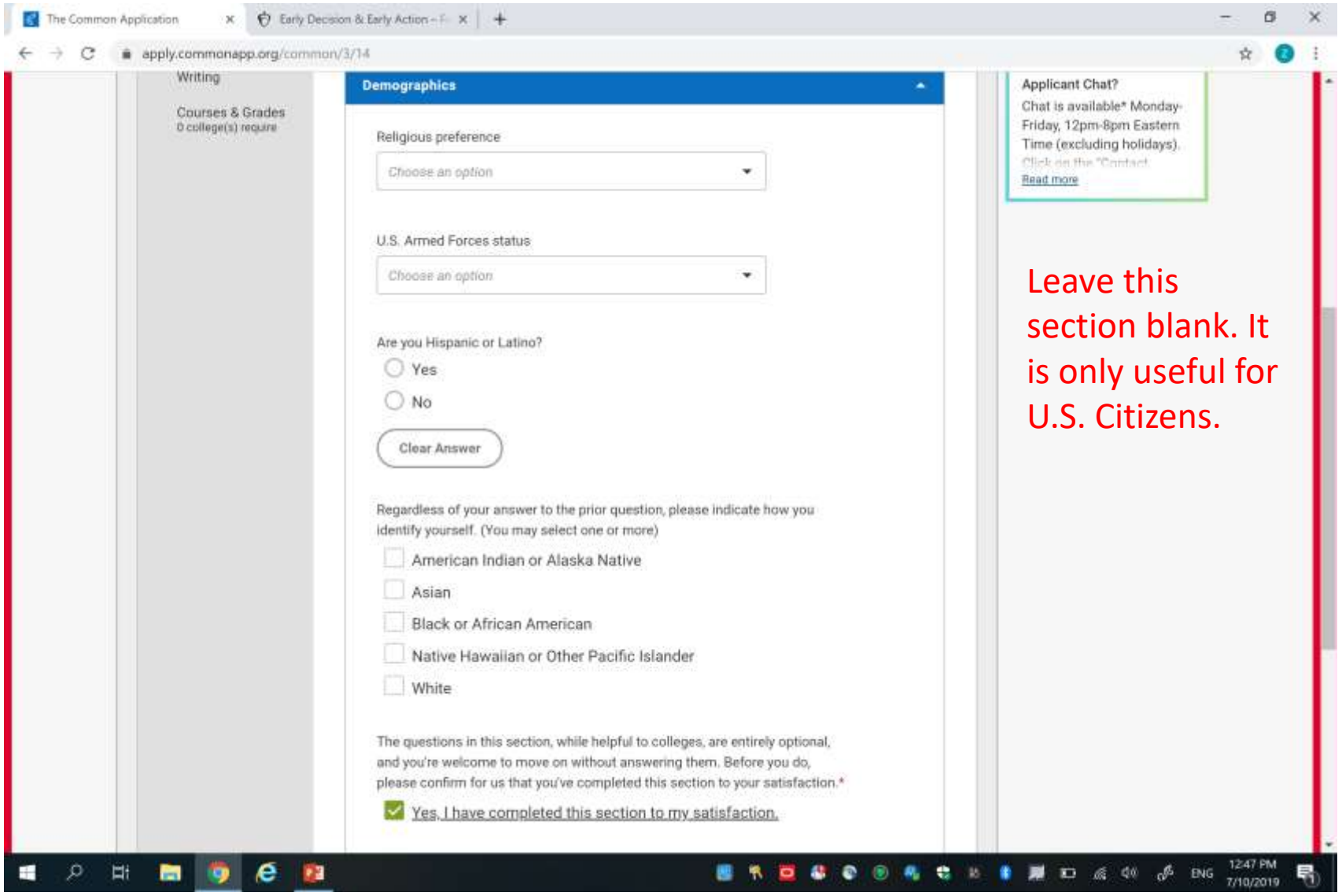

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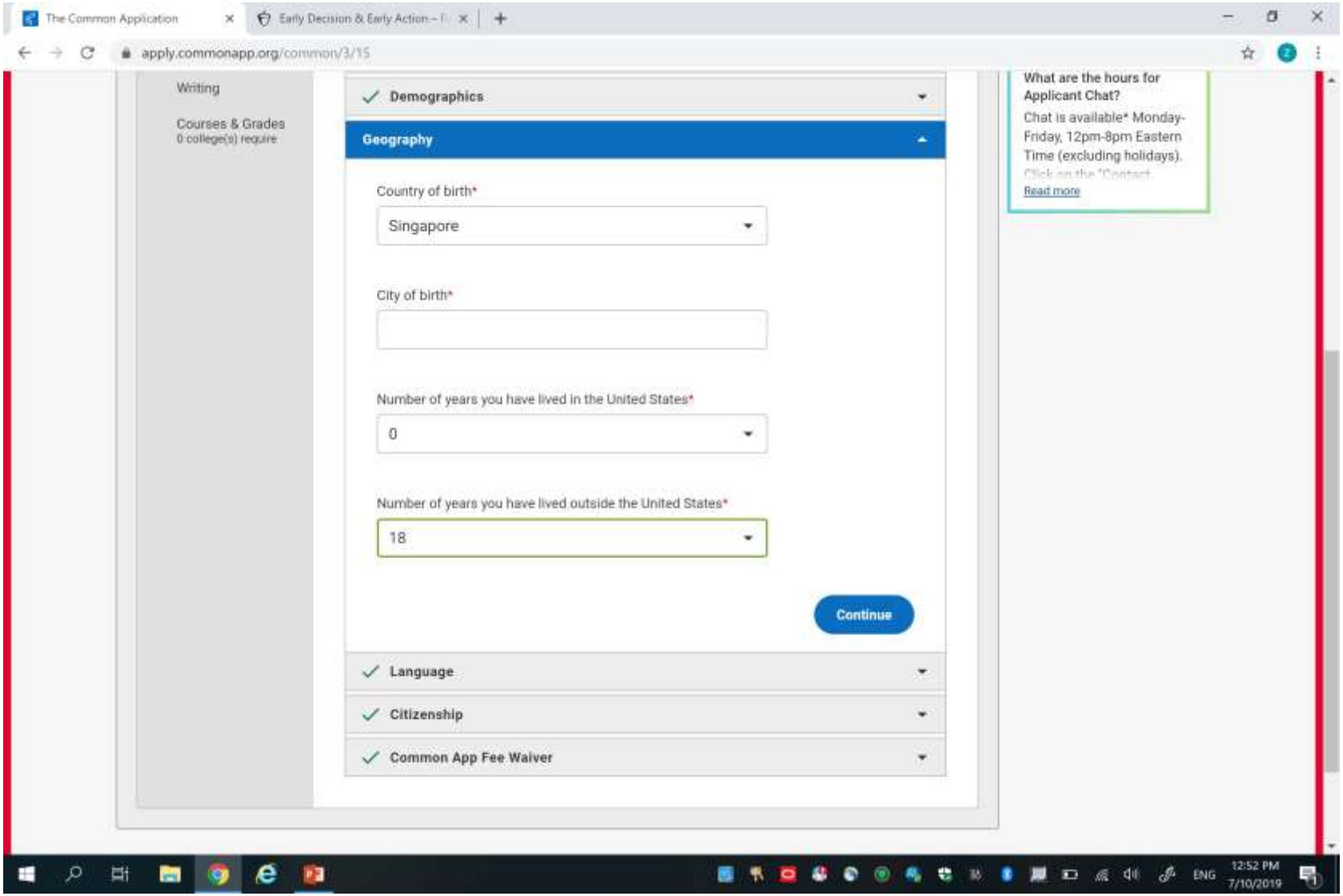

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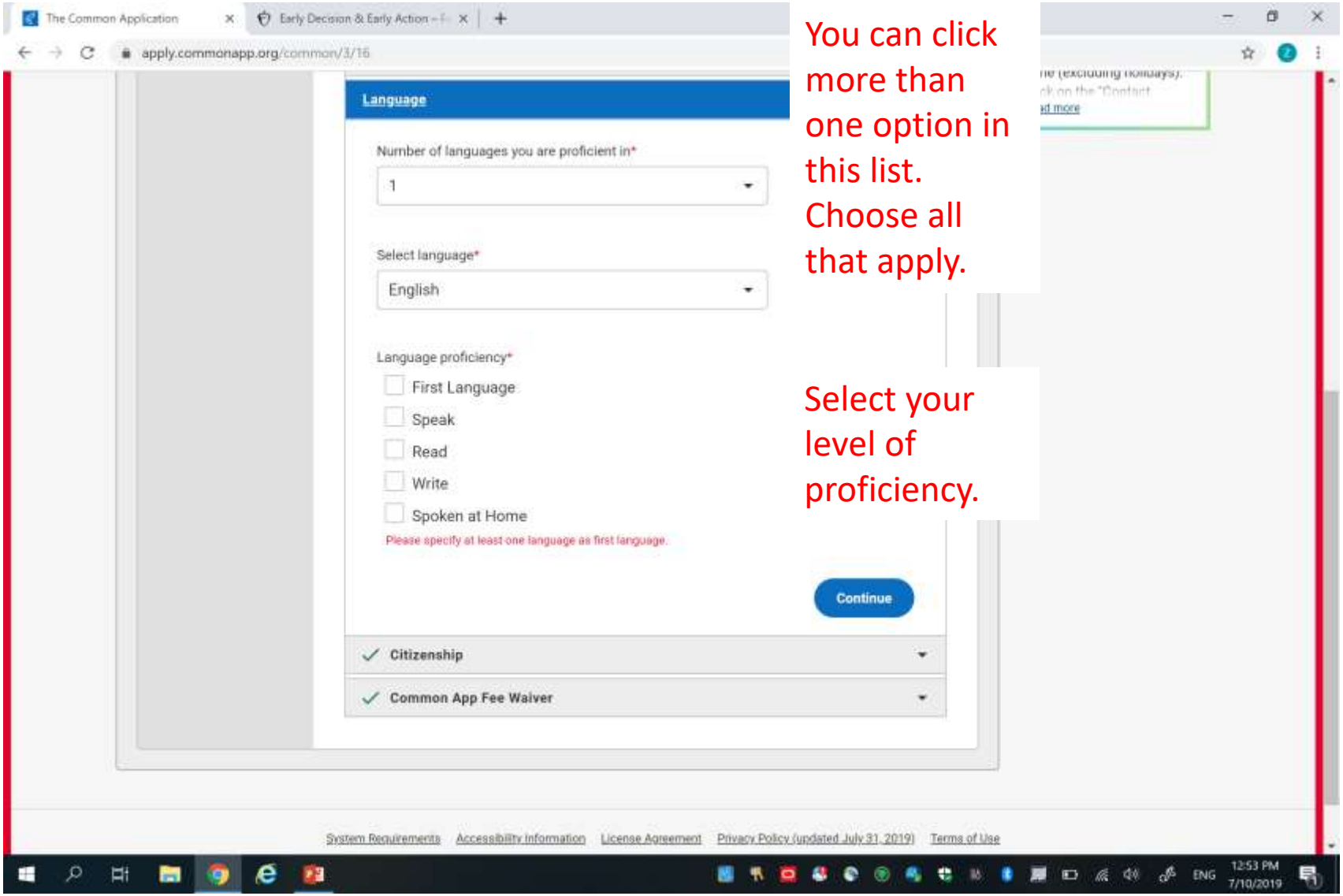

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Select your level of proficiency.

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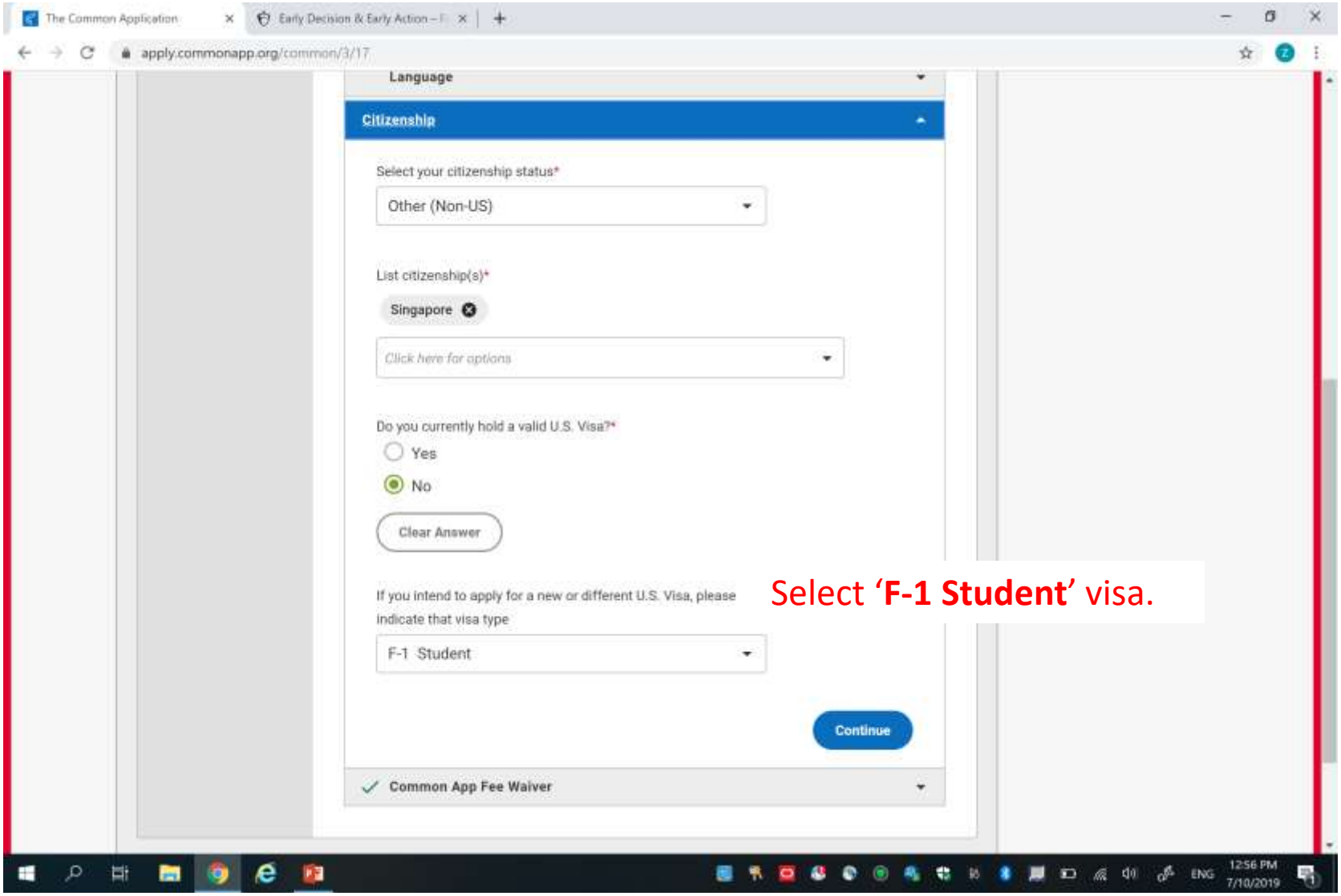

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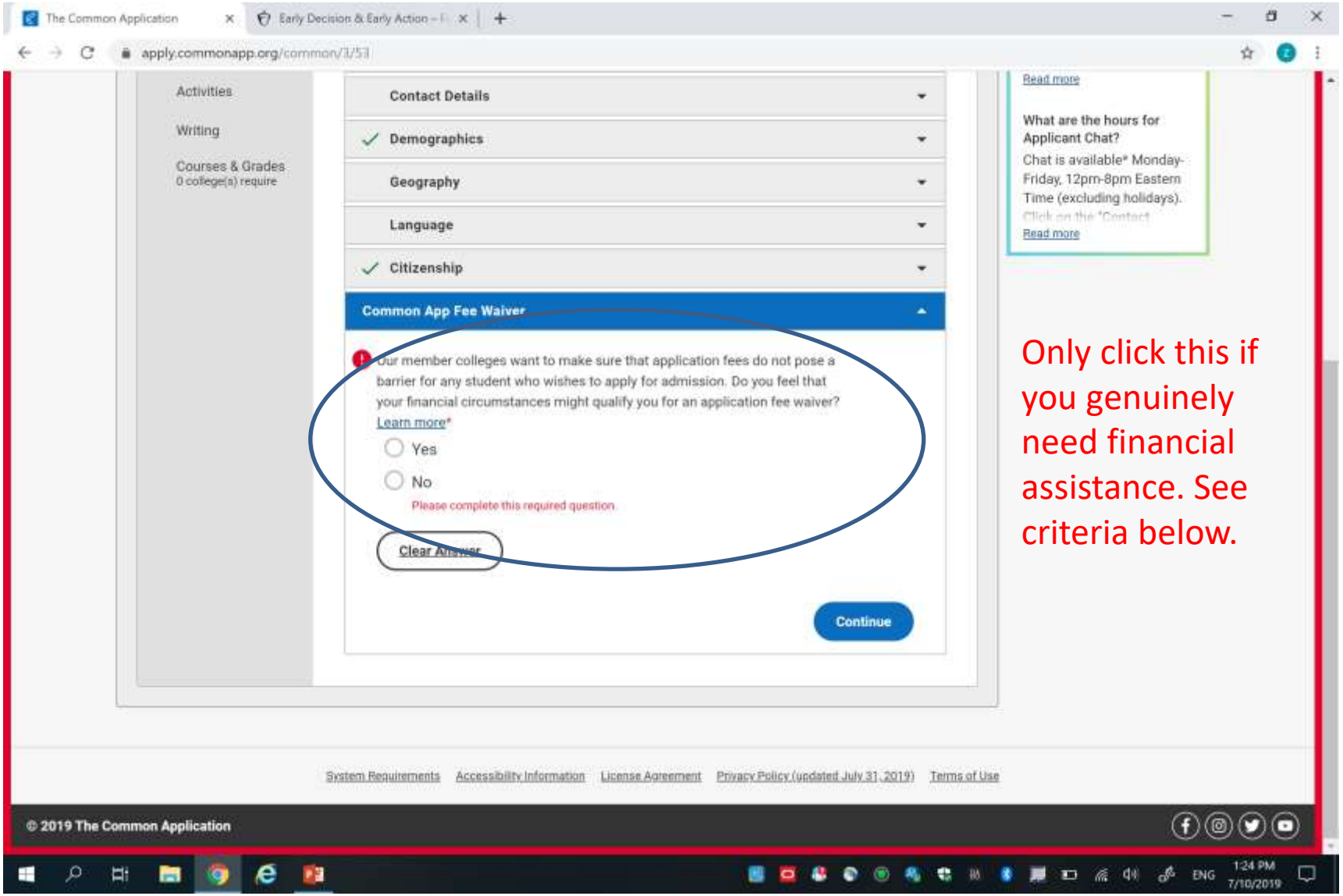

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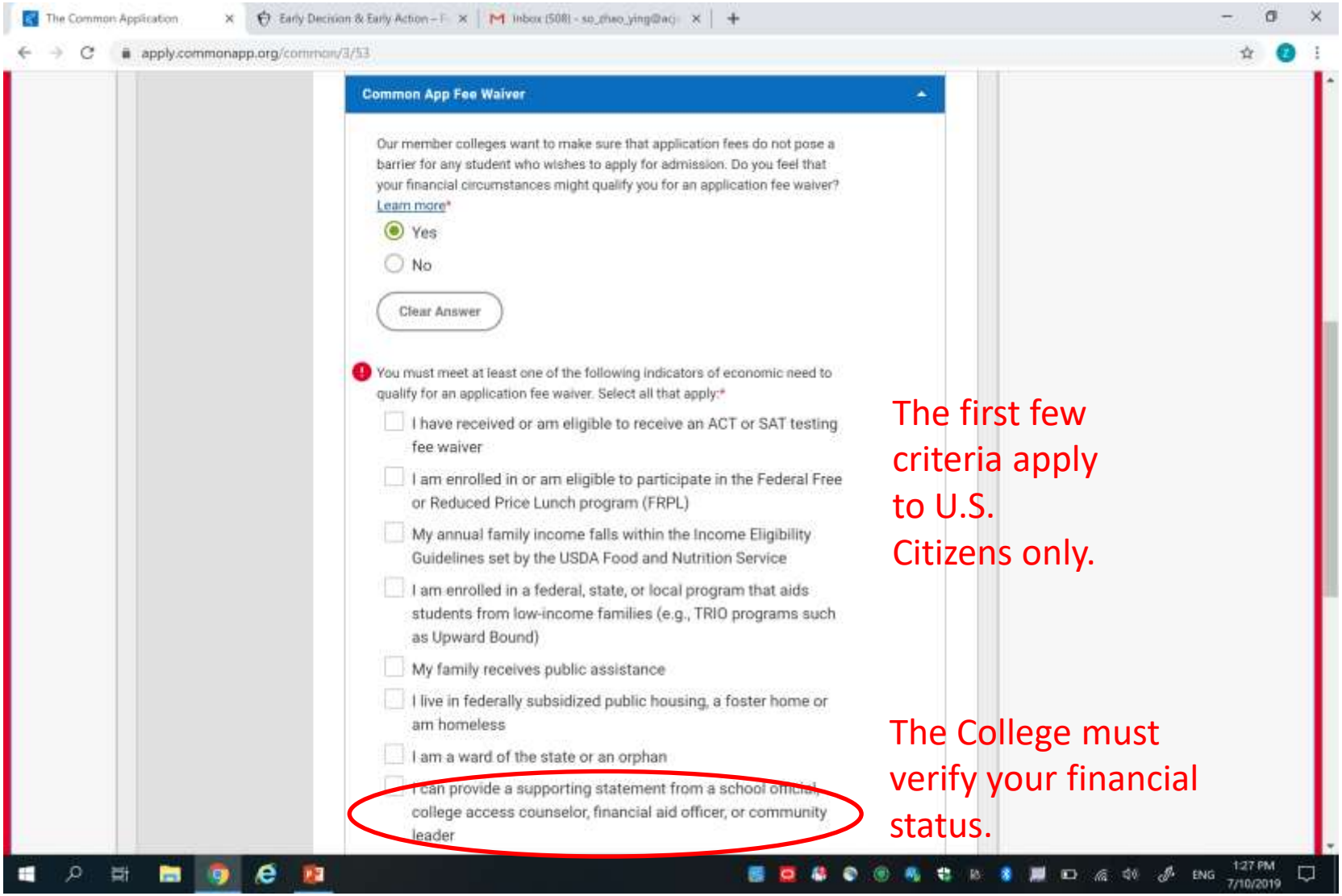

Fee Waiver

- 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!

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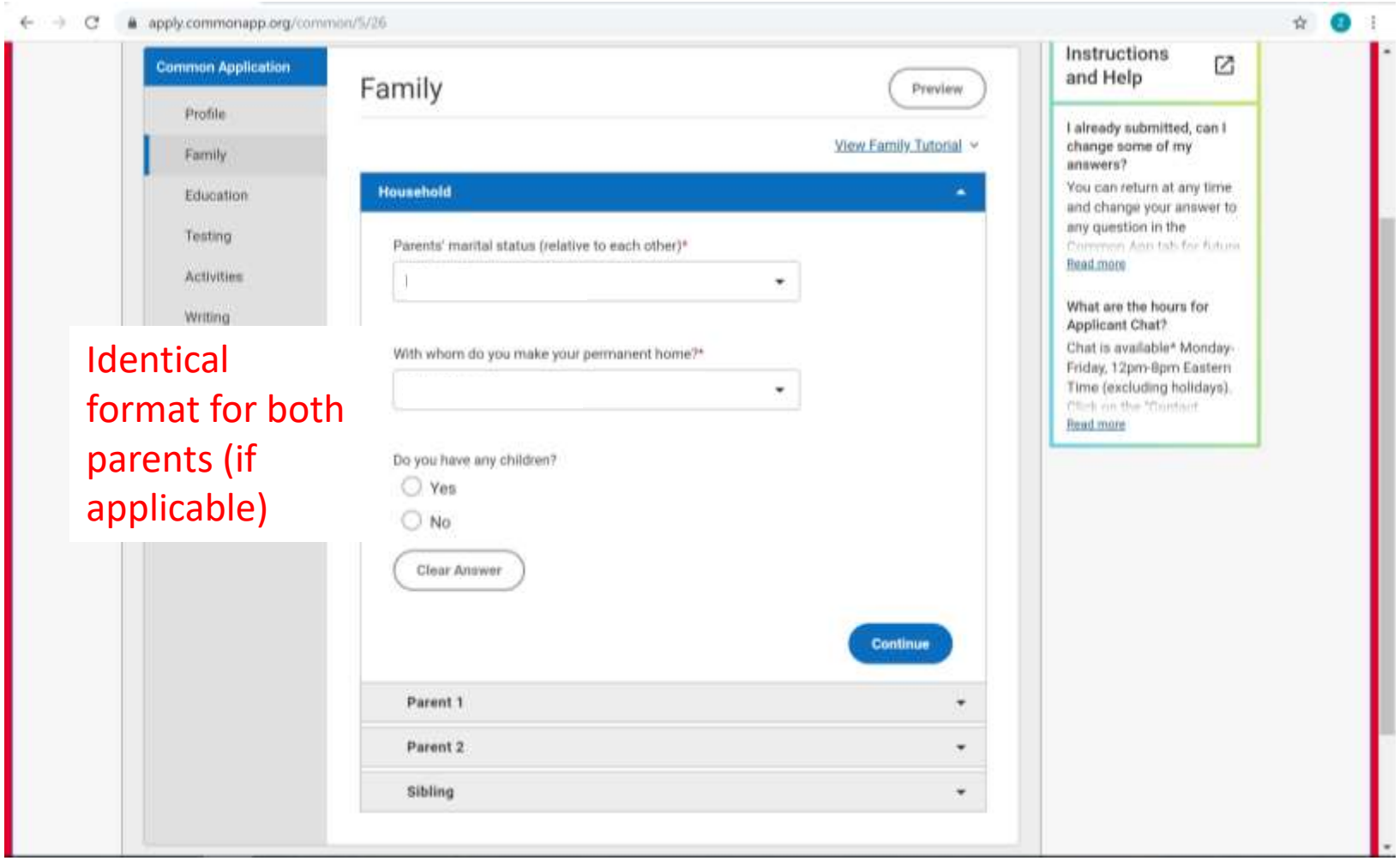

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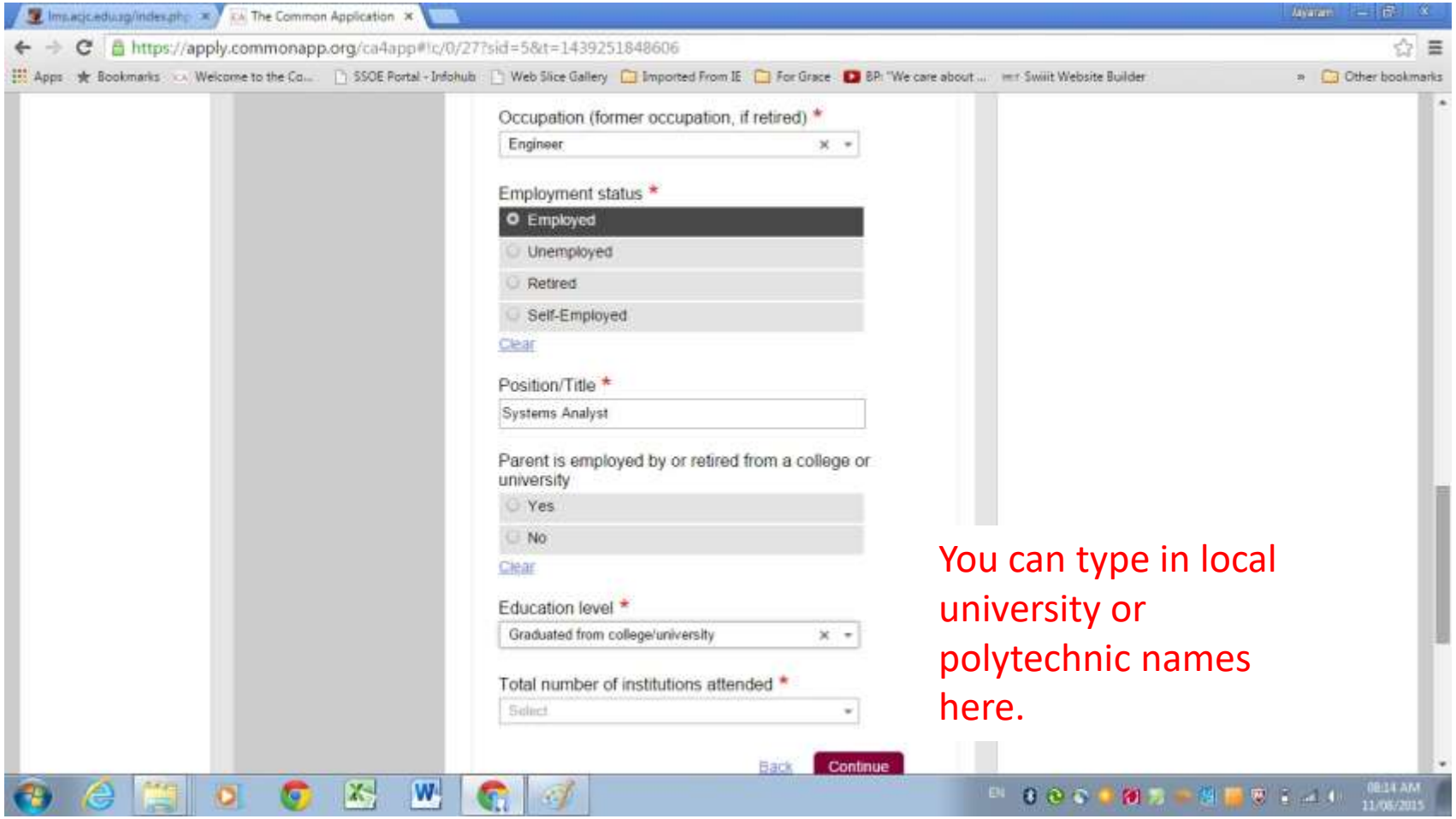

You can type in local university or polytechnic names here.

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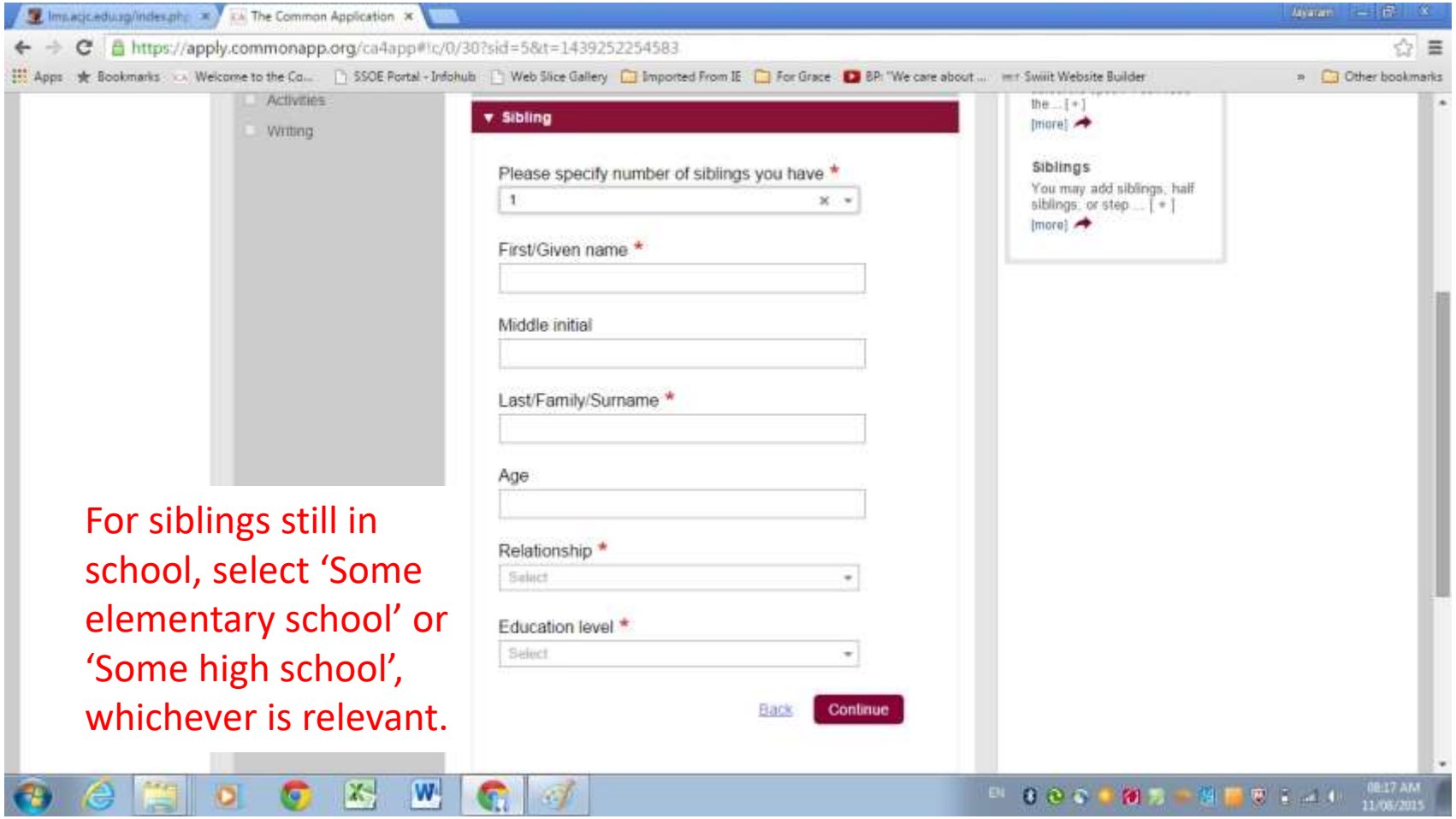

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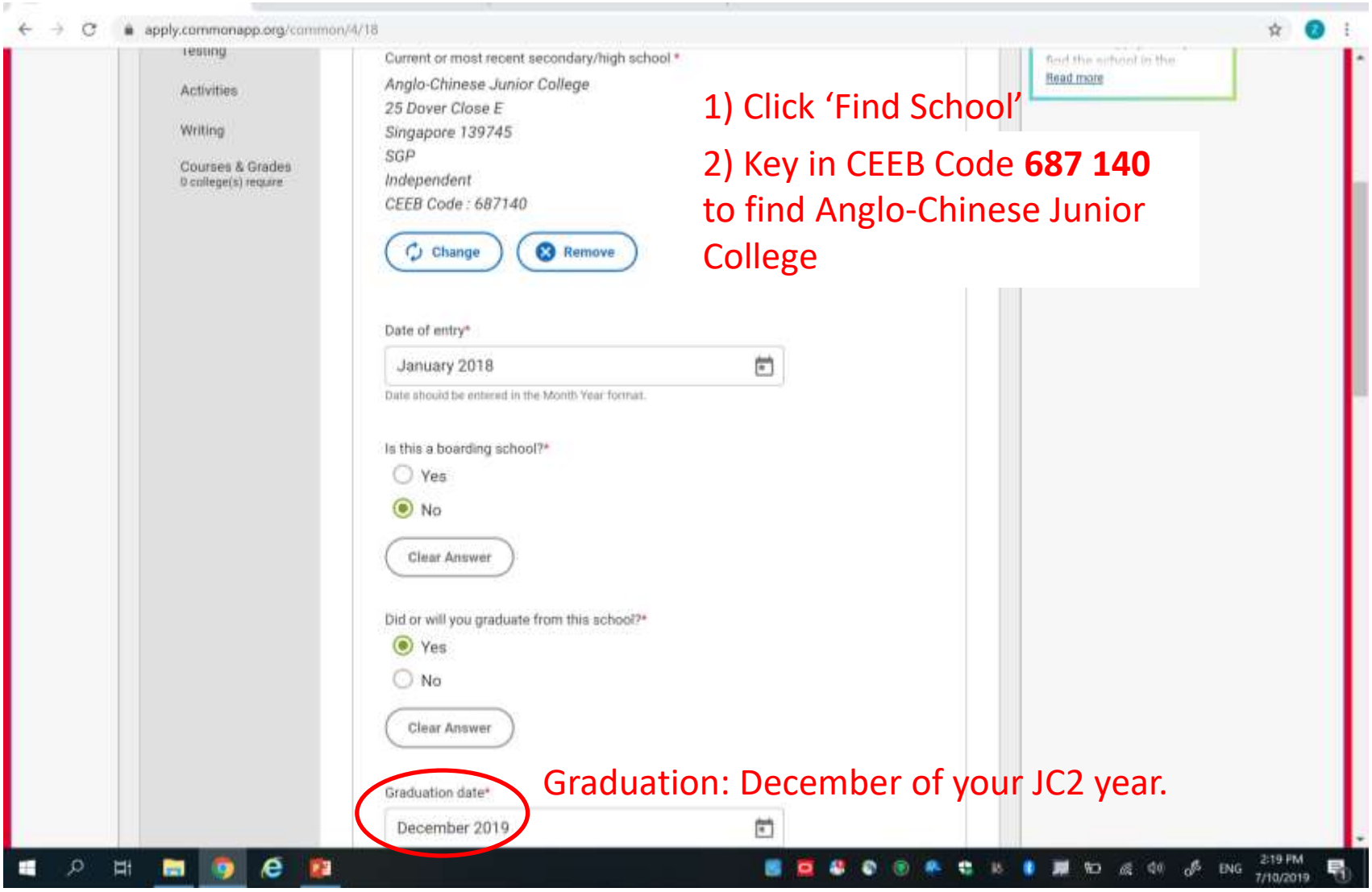

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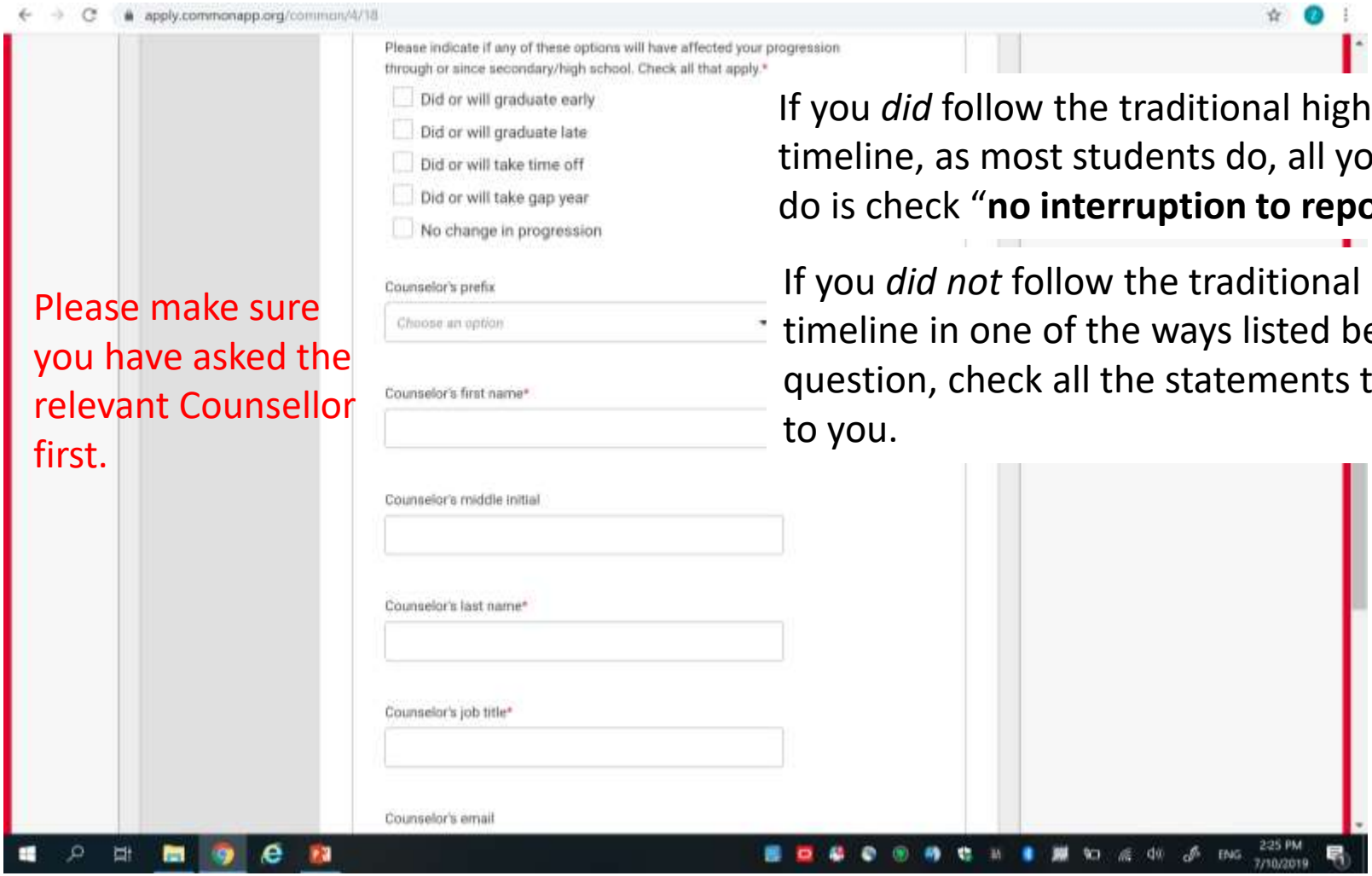

Please make sure you have asked the relevant Counsellor first.

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.

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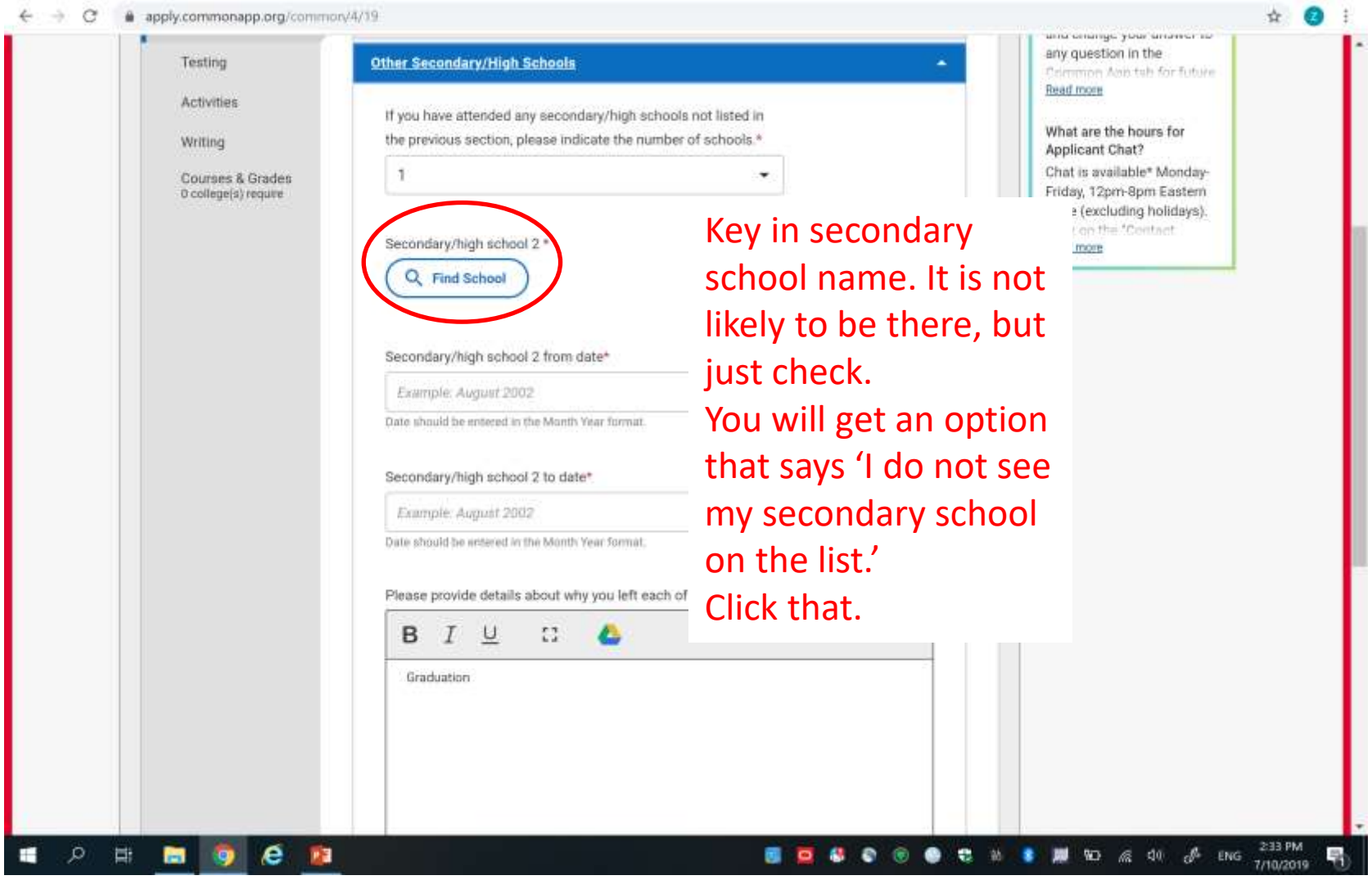

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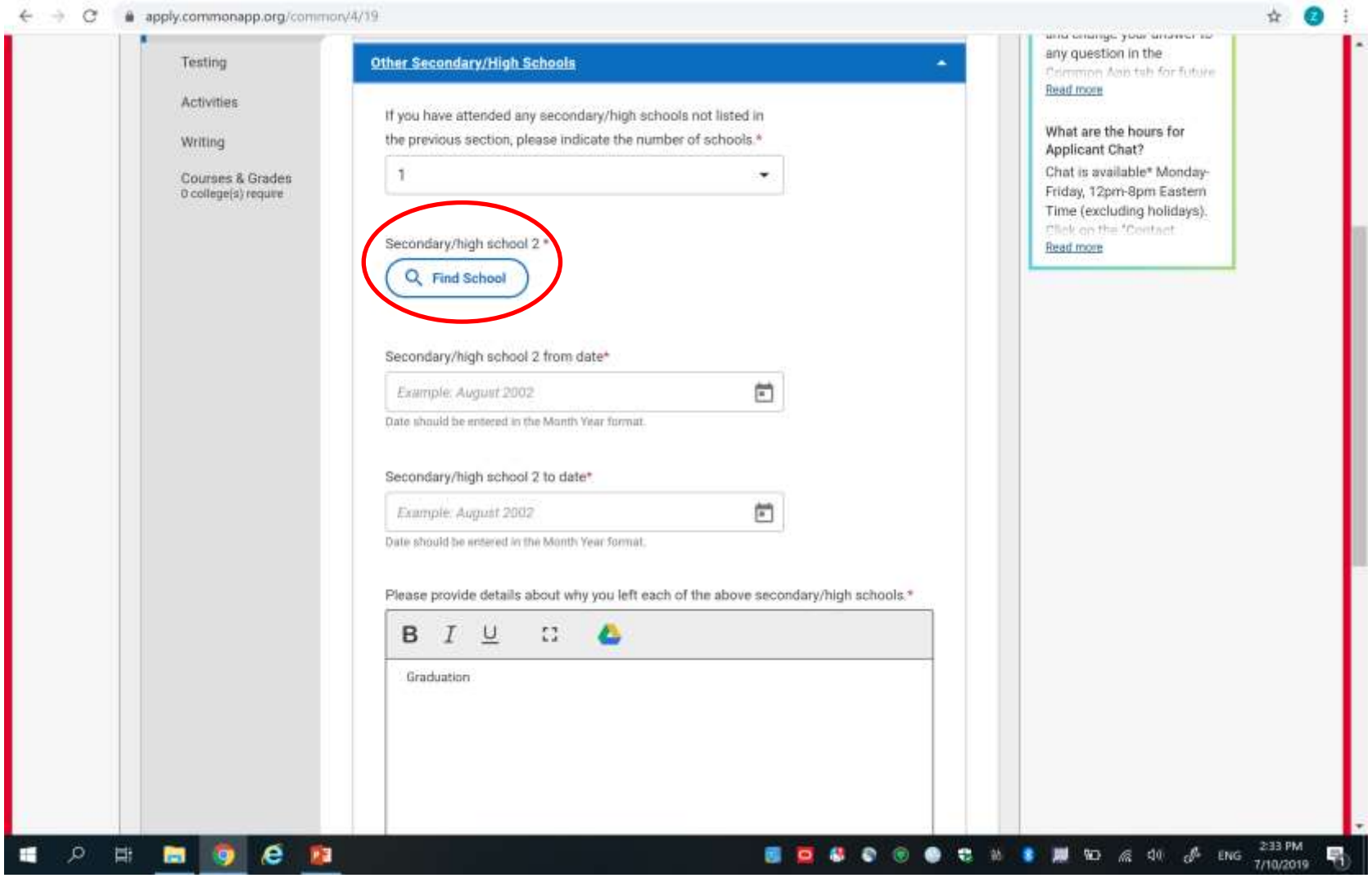

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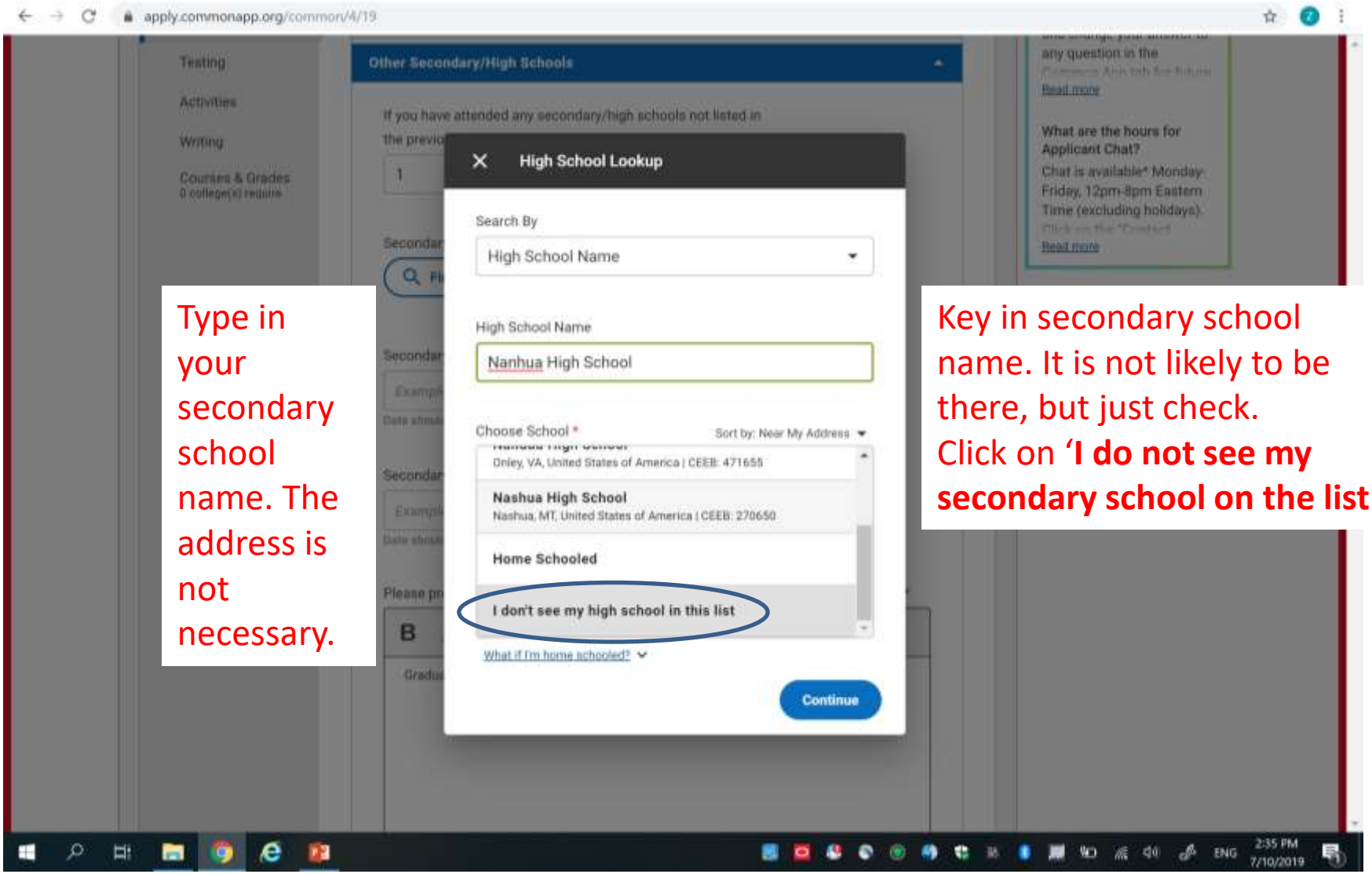

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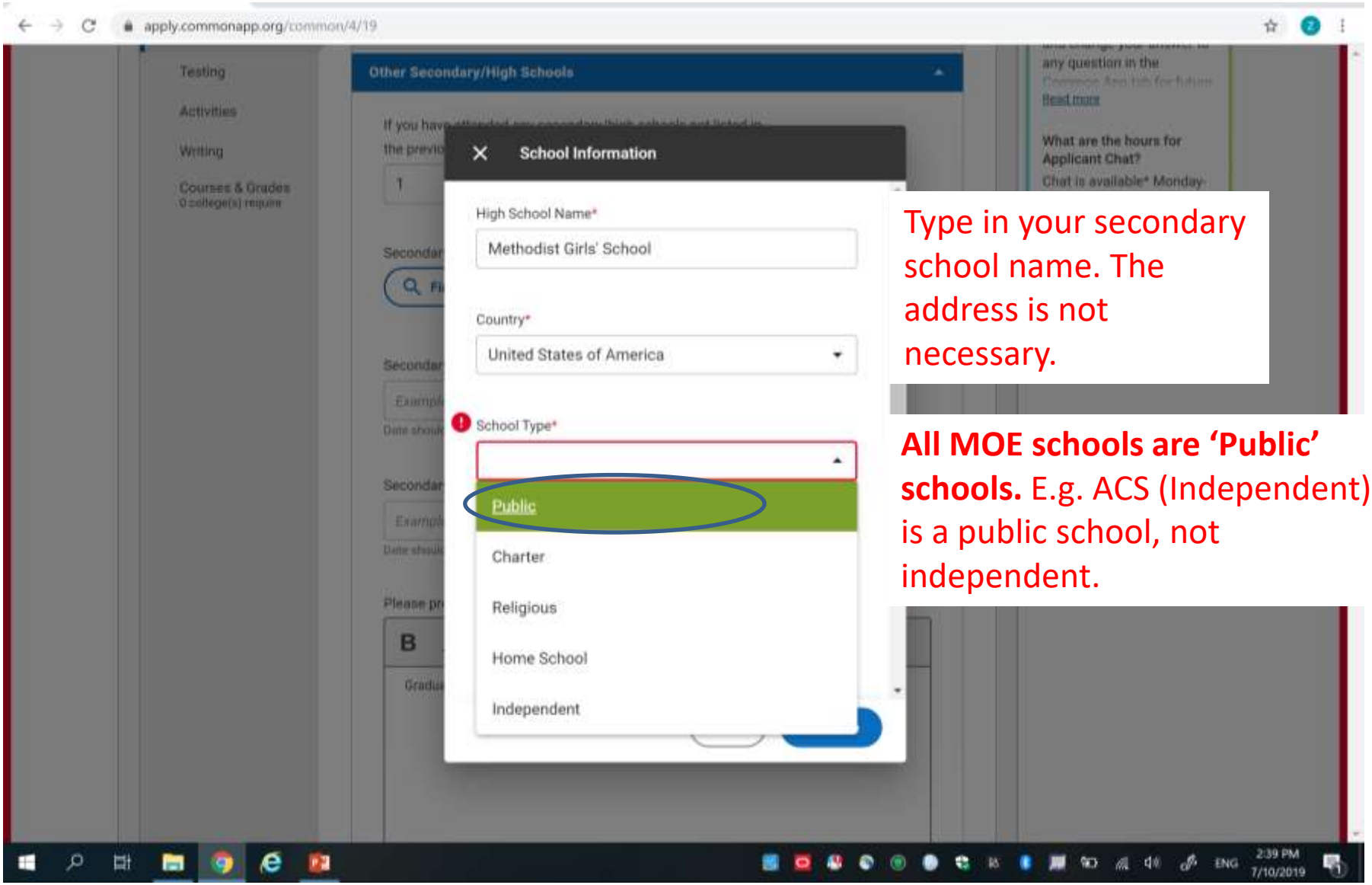

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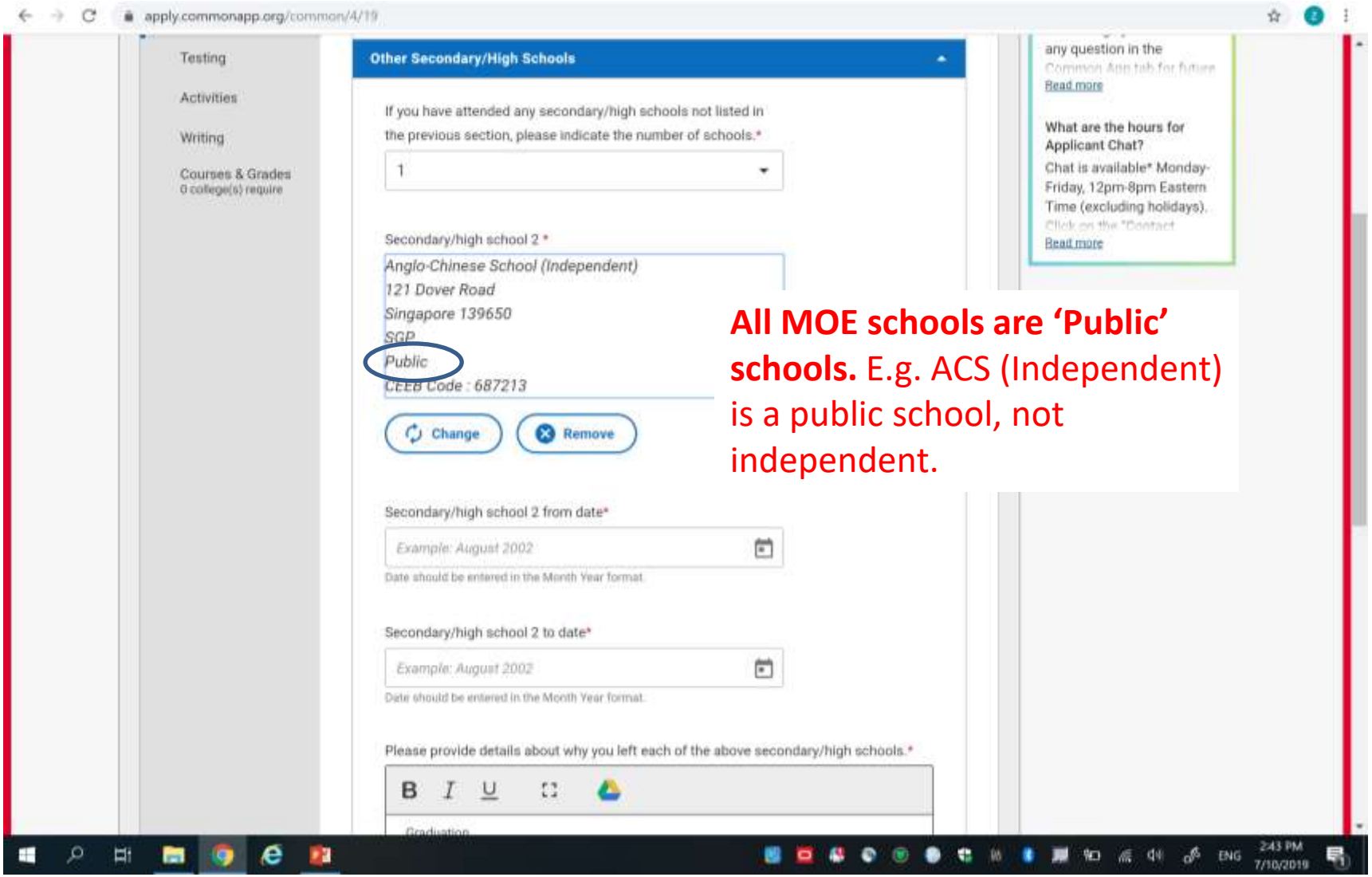

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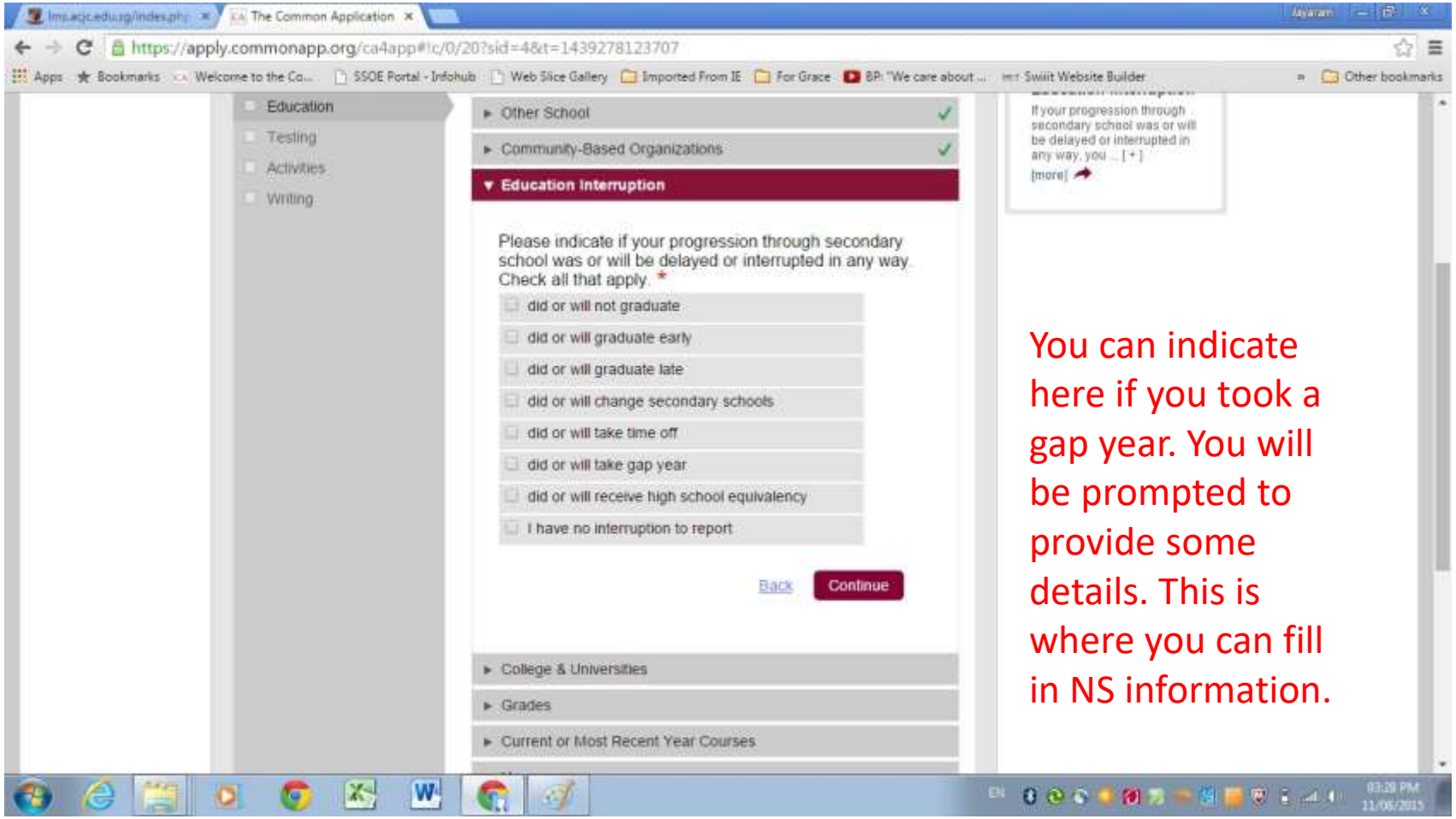

You can indicate here if you took a gap year. You will be prompted to provide some details. This is where you can fill in NS information.

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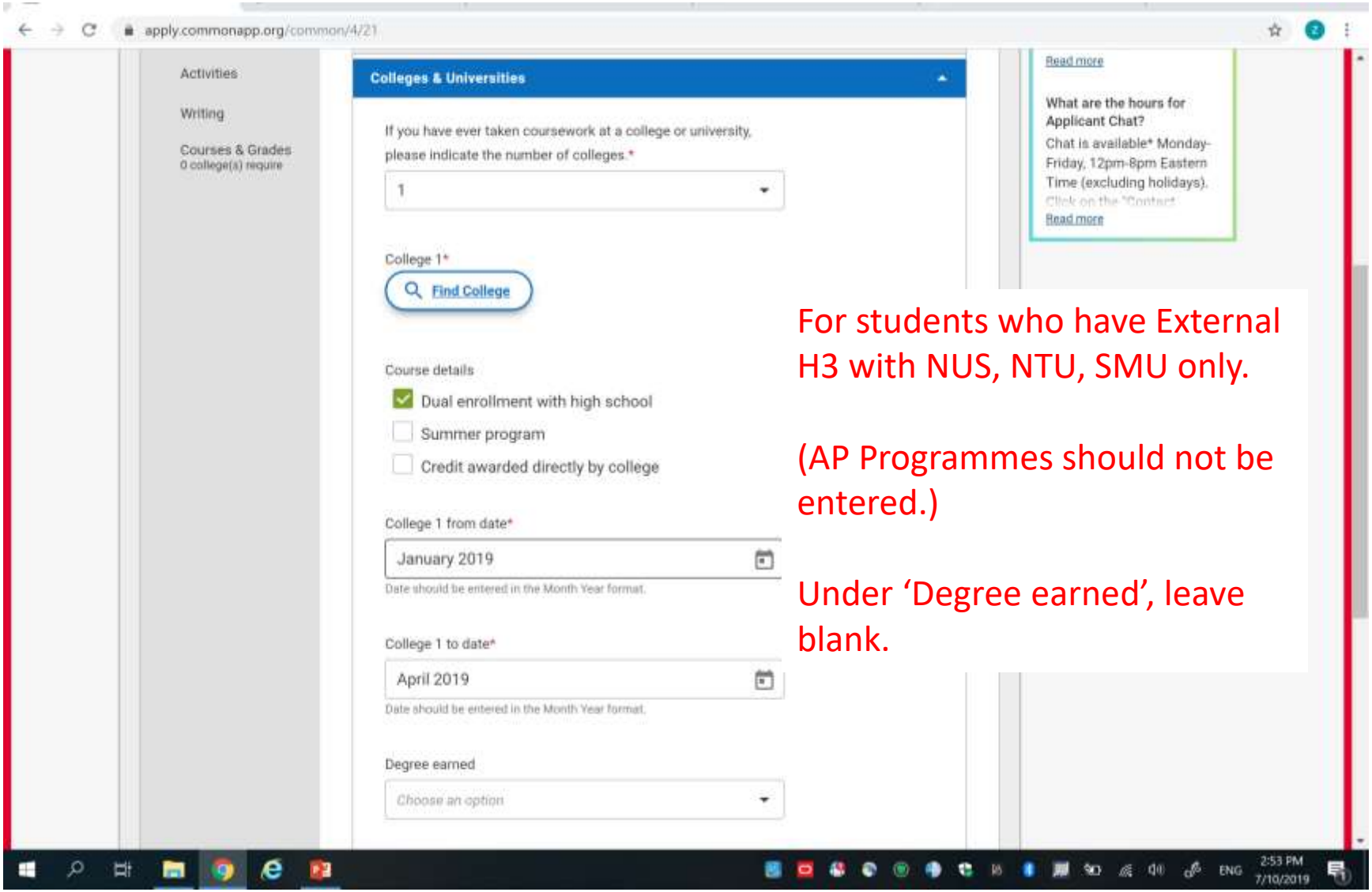

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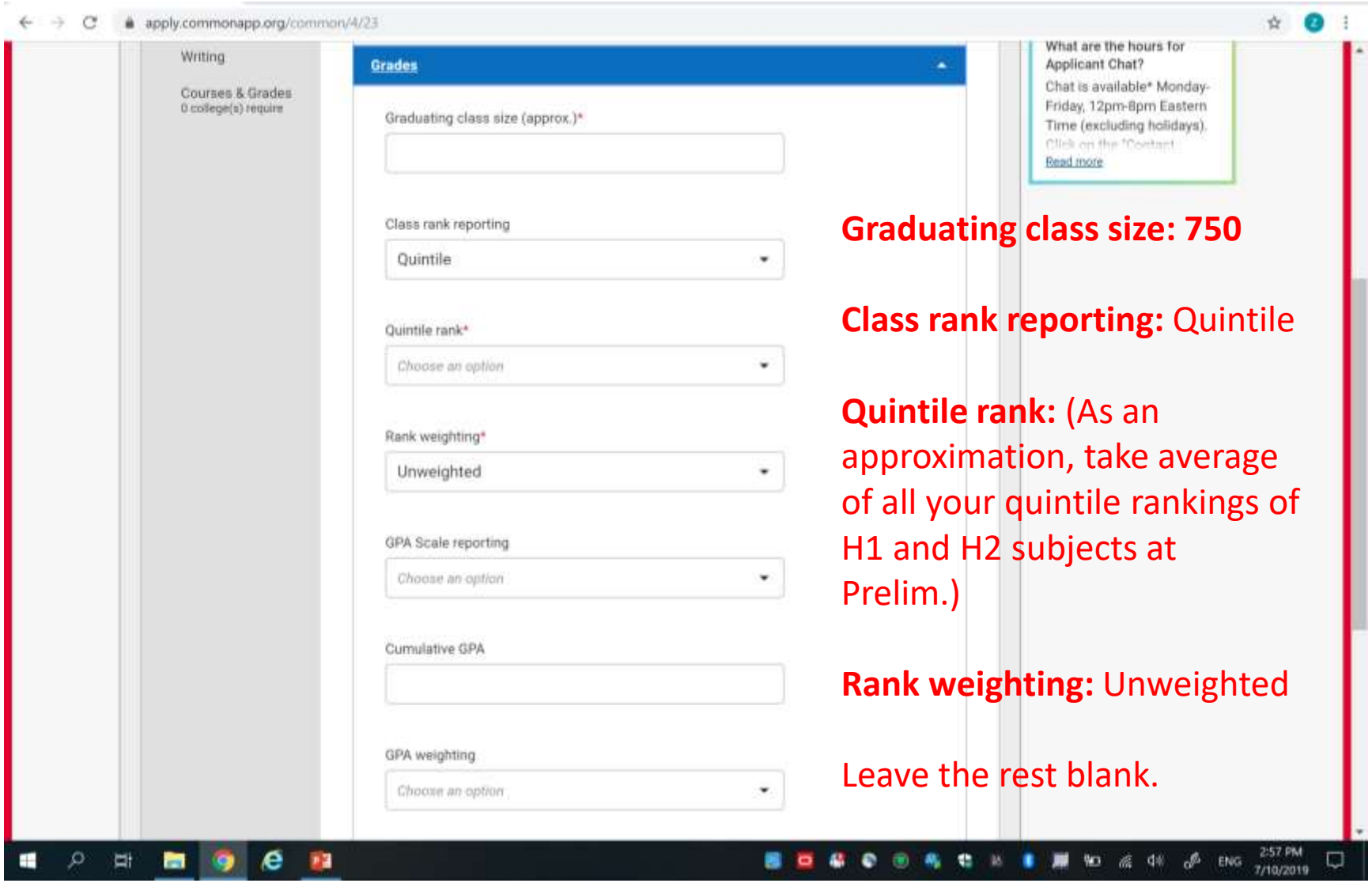

Graduating class size: 750

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.

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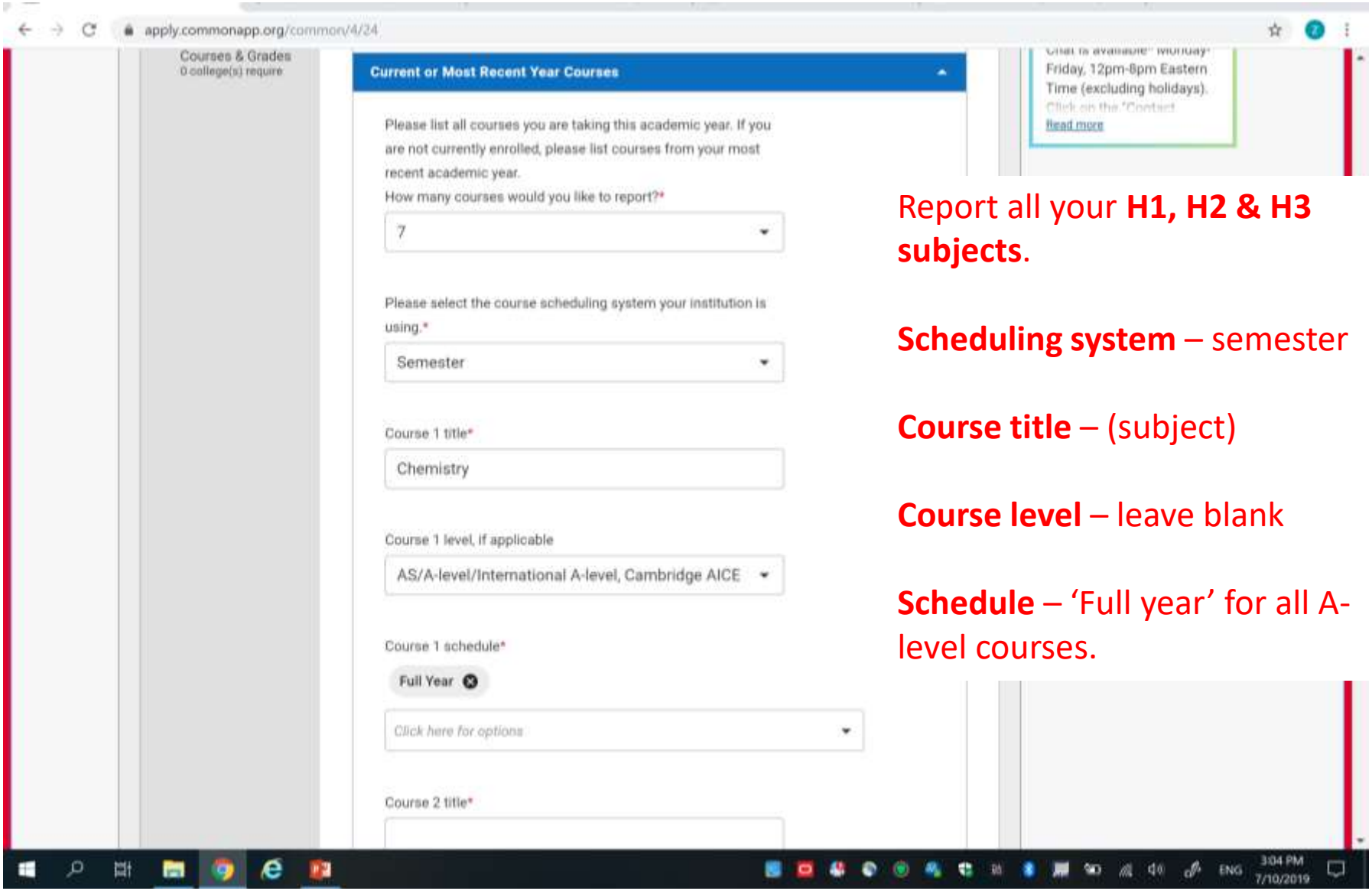

Report all your **H1, H2 & H3 subjects**.

Scheduling system – semester

Course title – (subject)

Course level – leave blank

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

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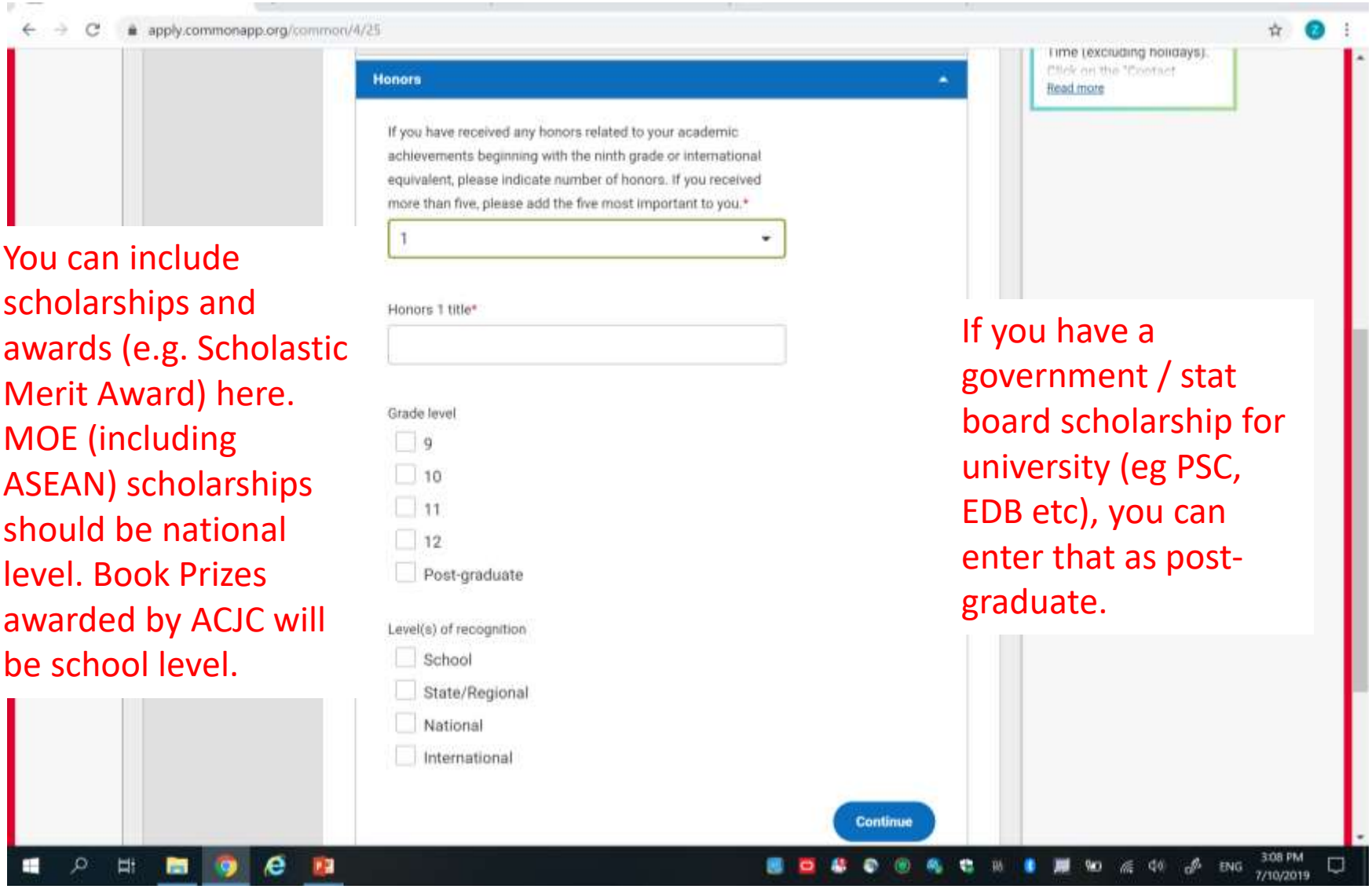

You can include scholarships and awards (e.g. Scholastic Merit Award) here. MOE (including ASEAN) scholarships should be national level. Book Prizes awarded by ACJC will be school level.

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

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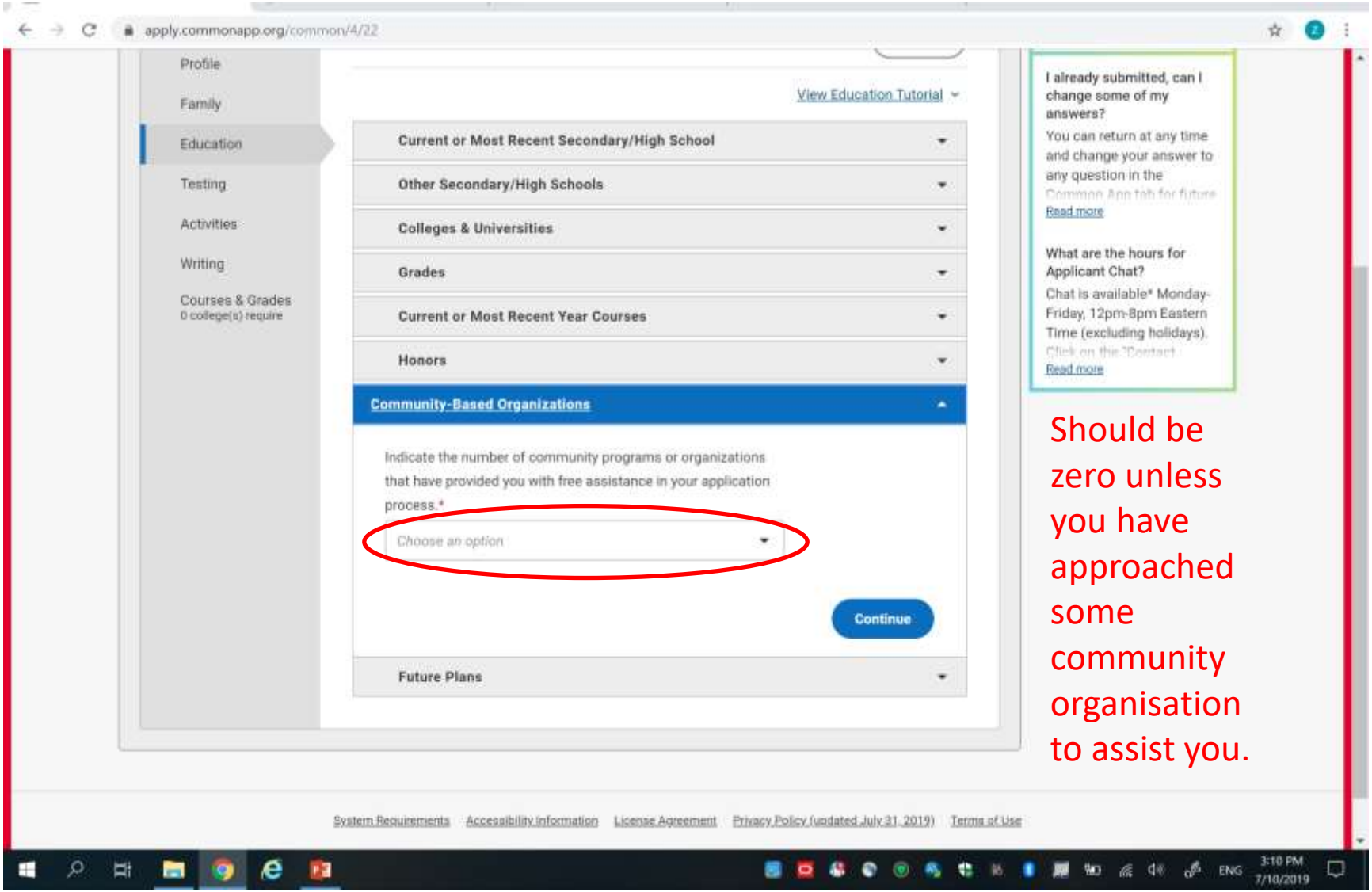

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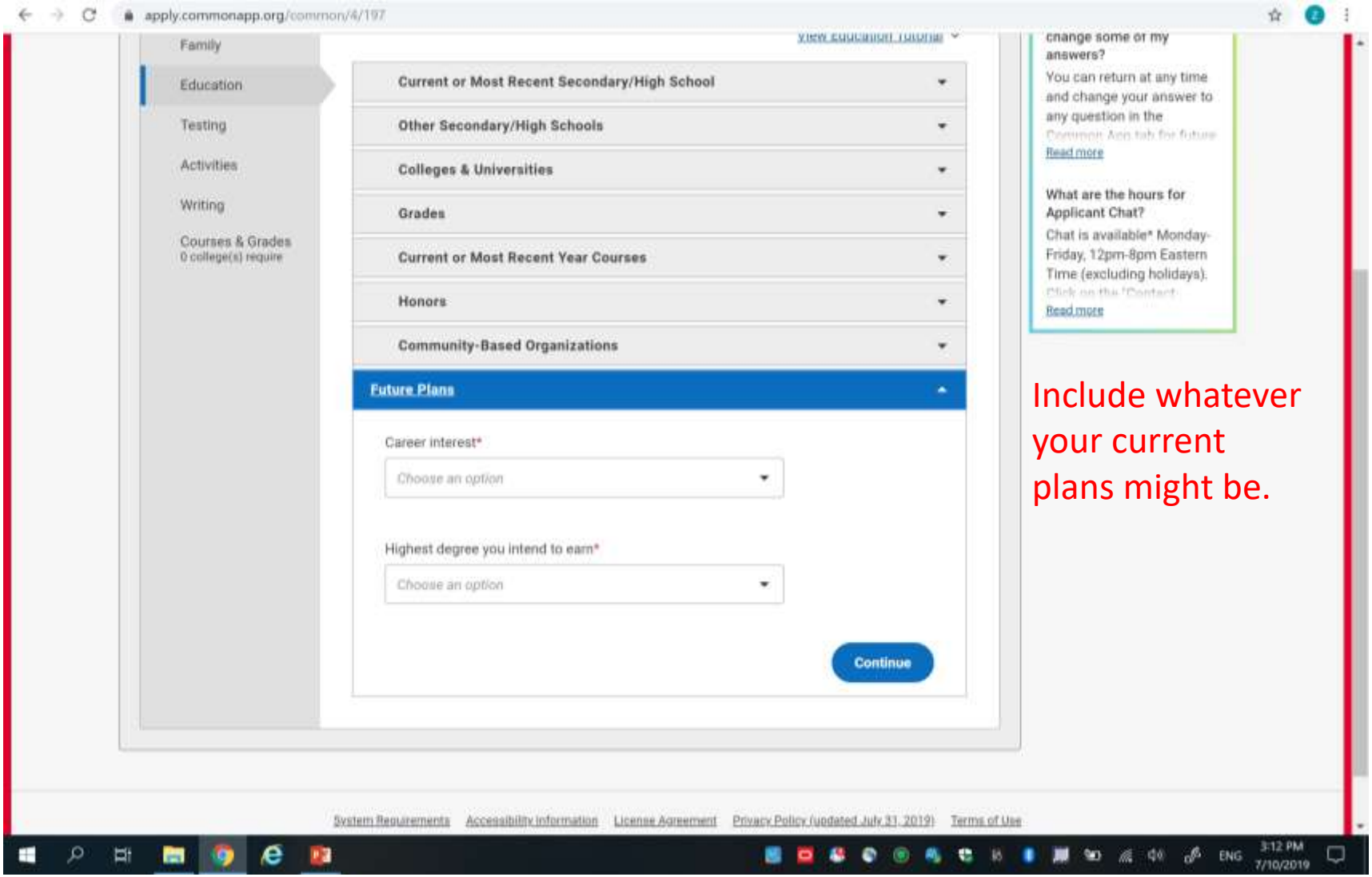

Include whatever your current plans might be.

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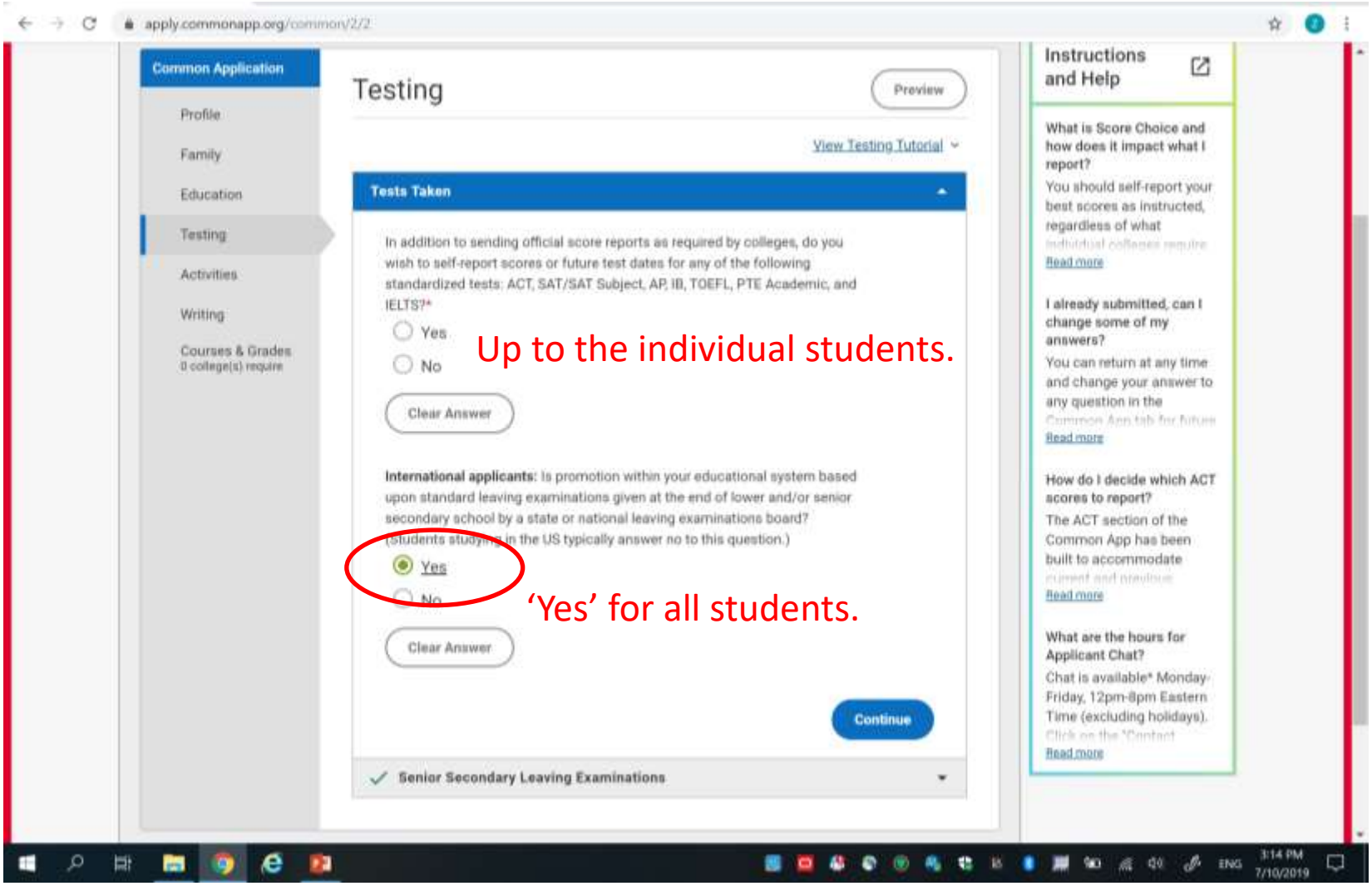

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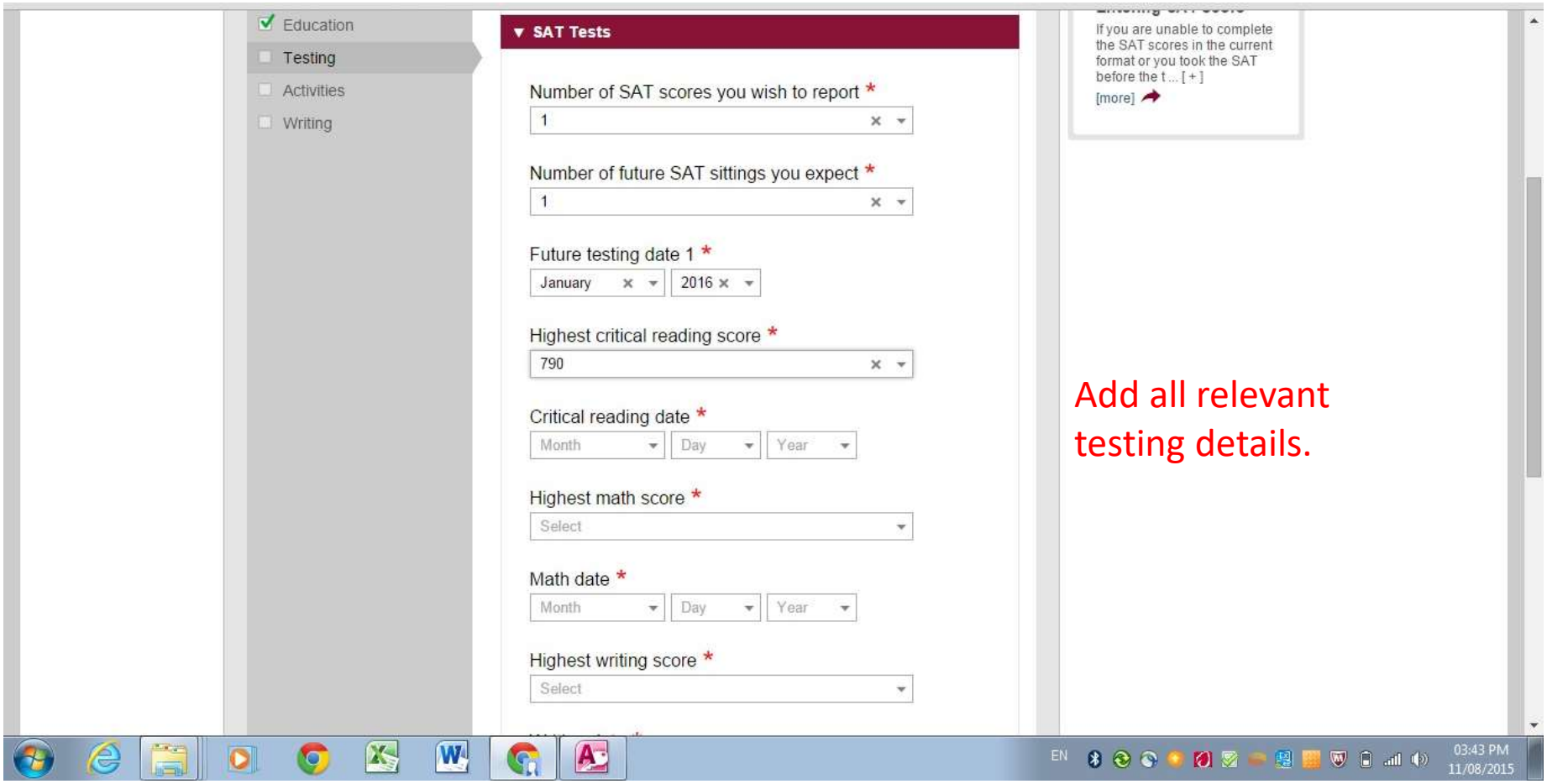

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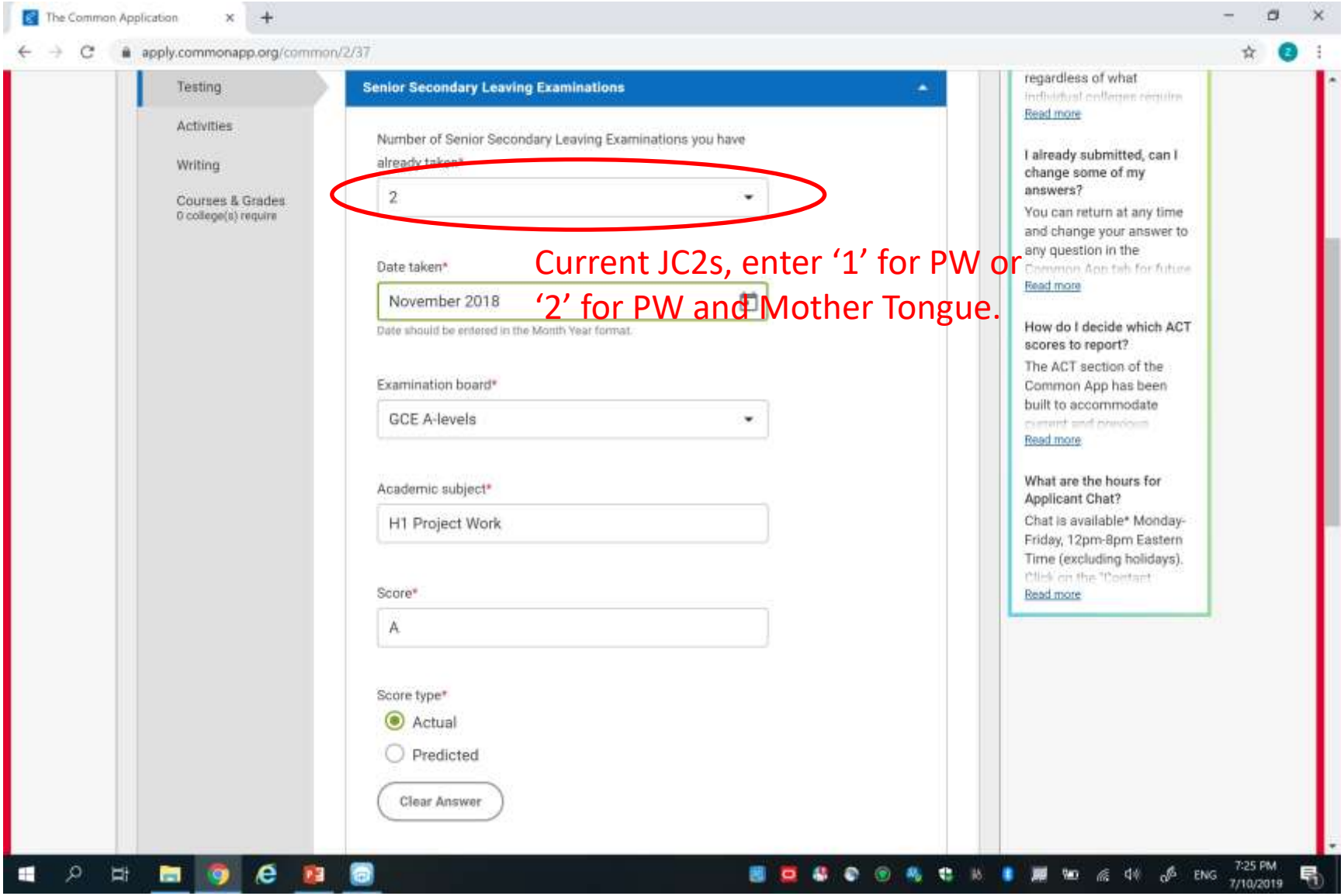

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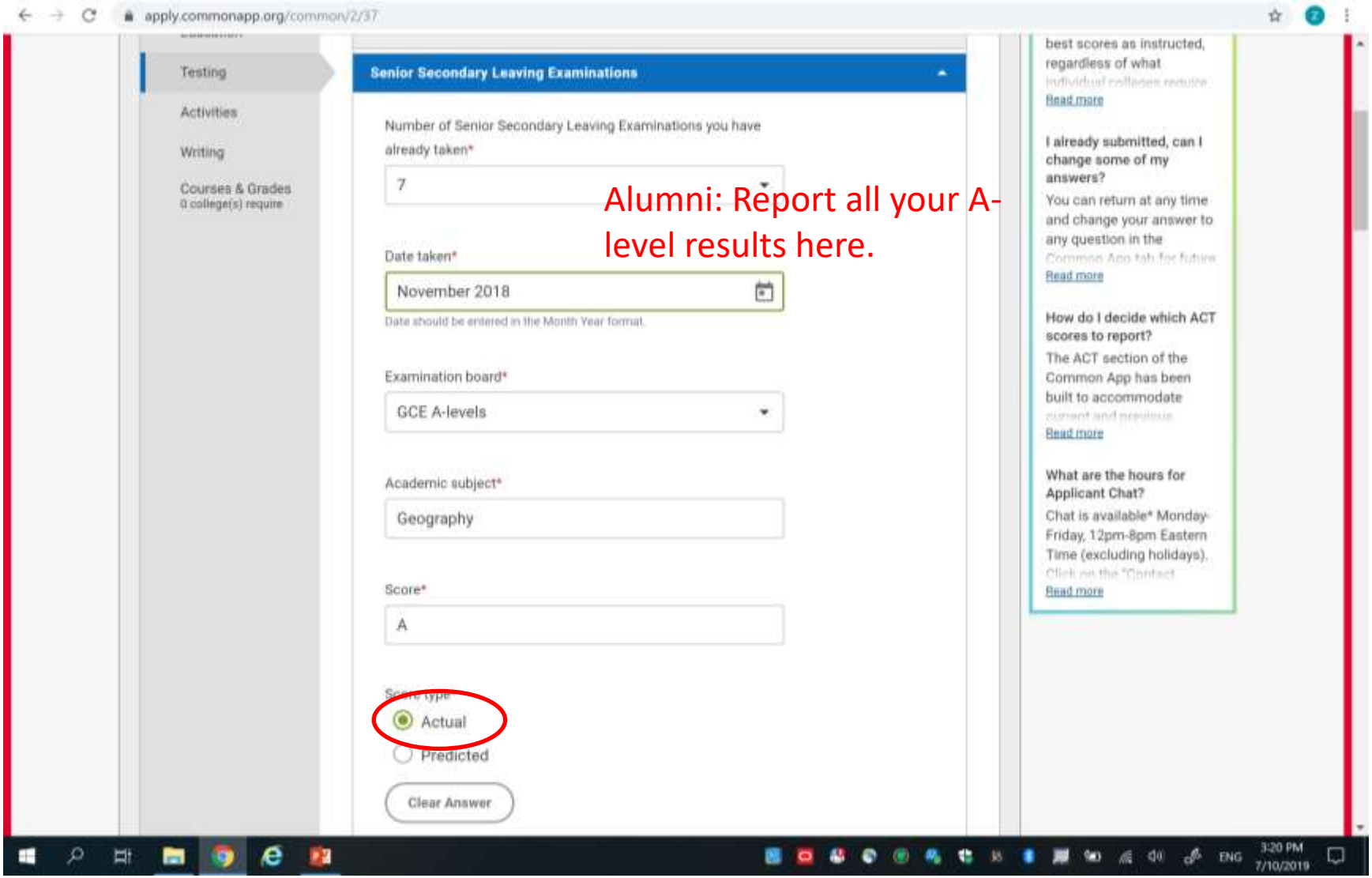

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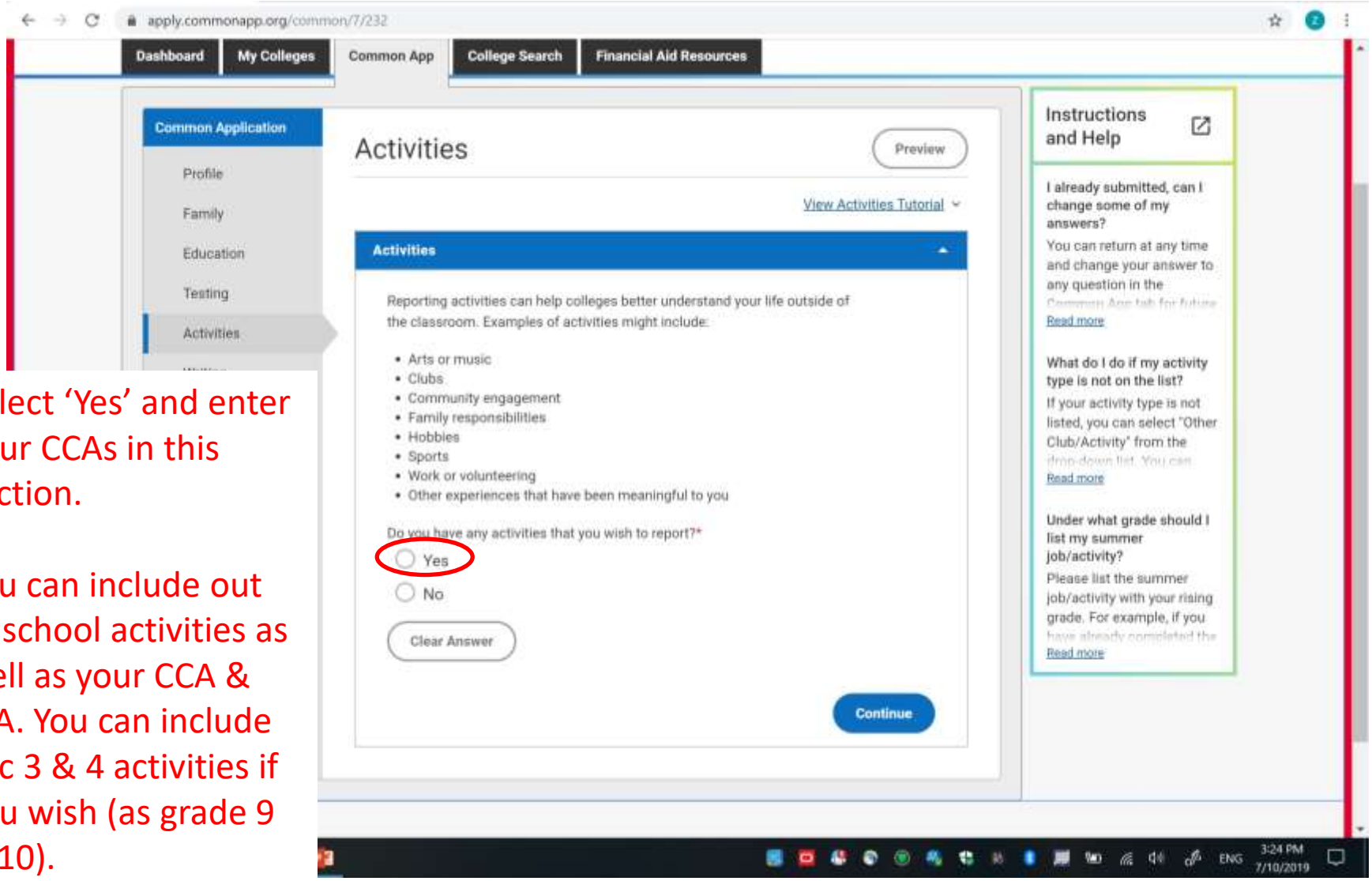

Select 'Yes' and enter your CCAs in this section.

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).

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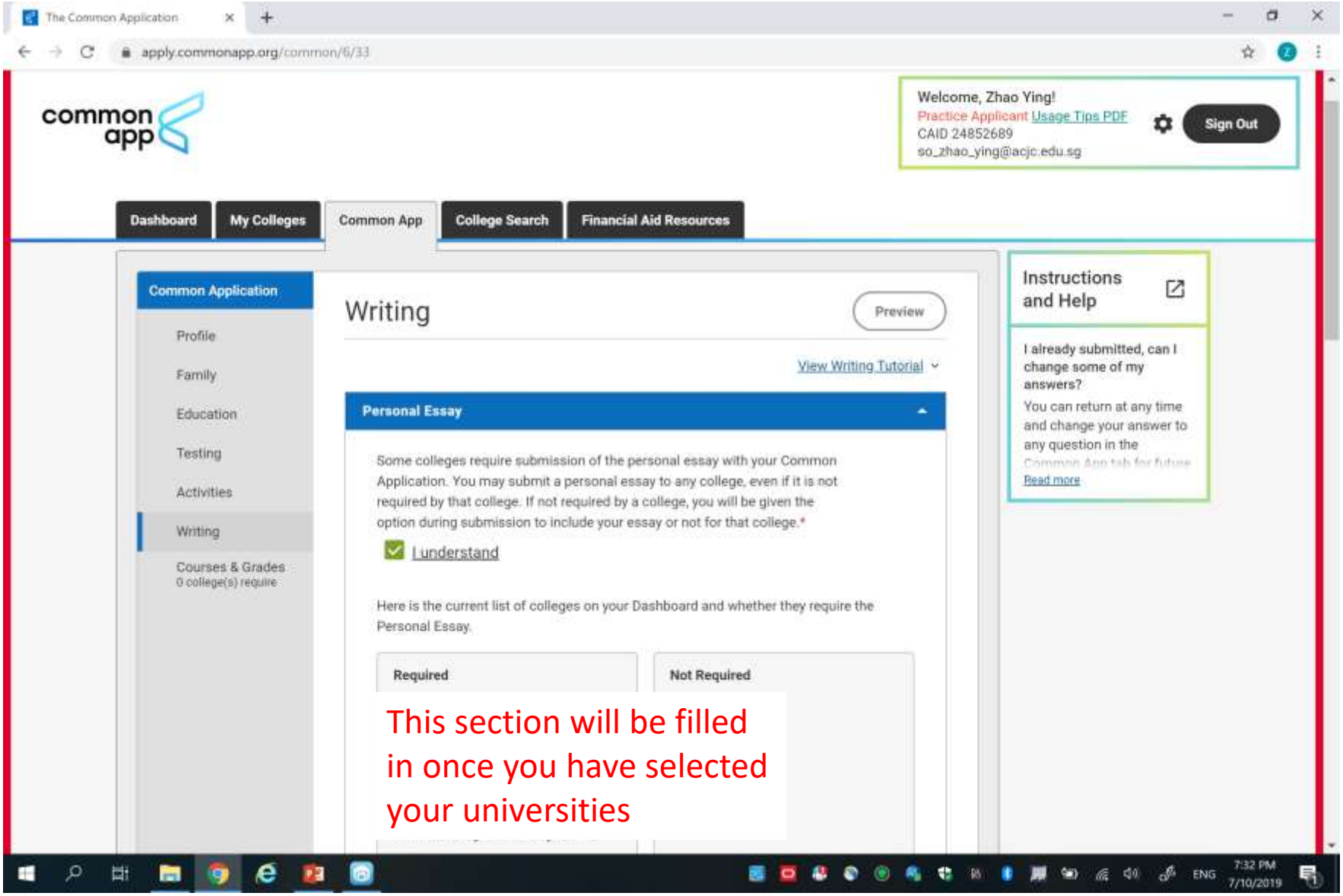

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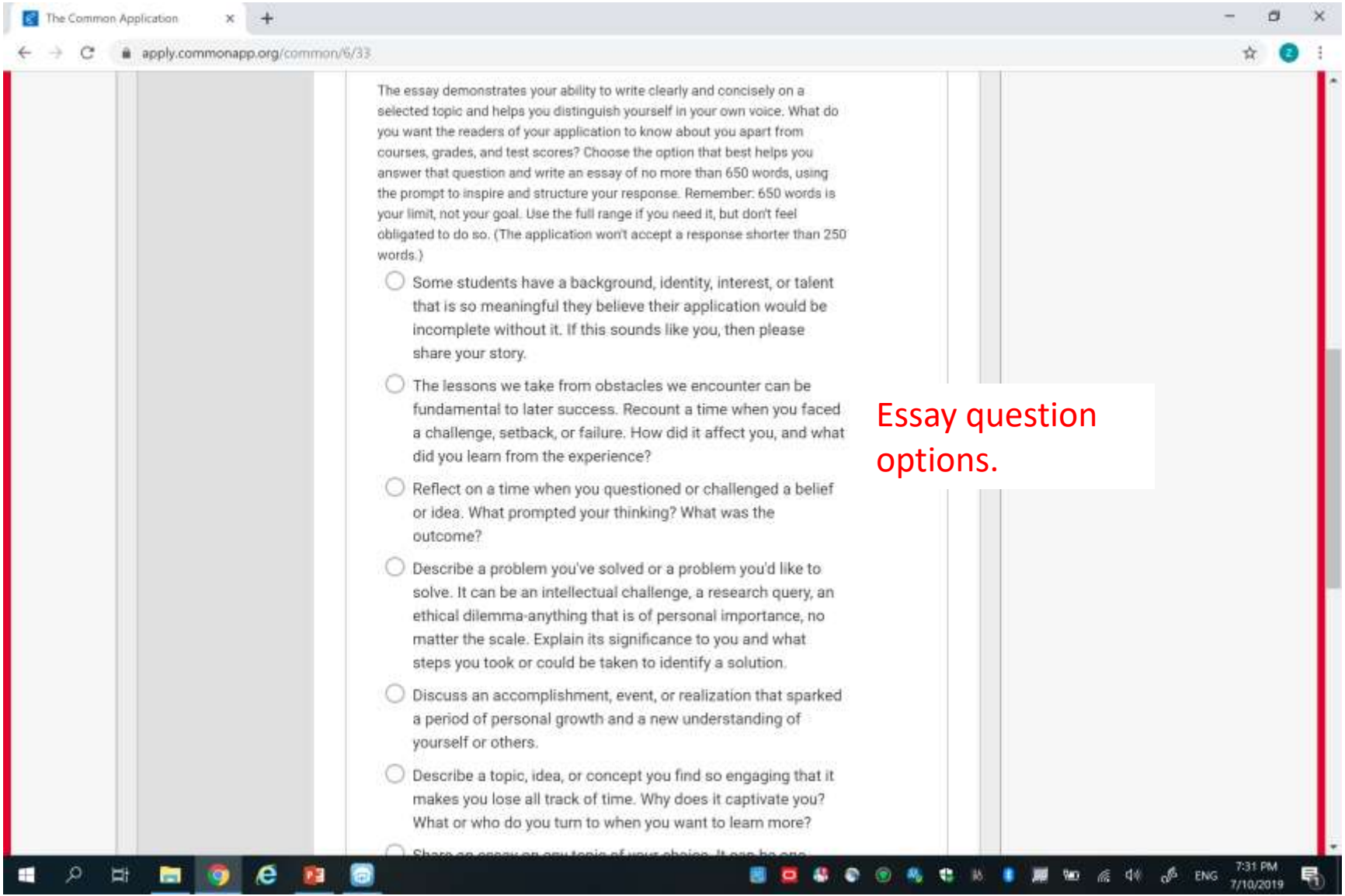

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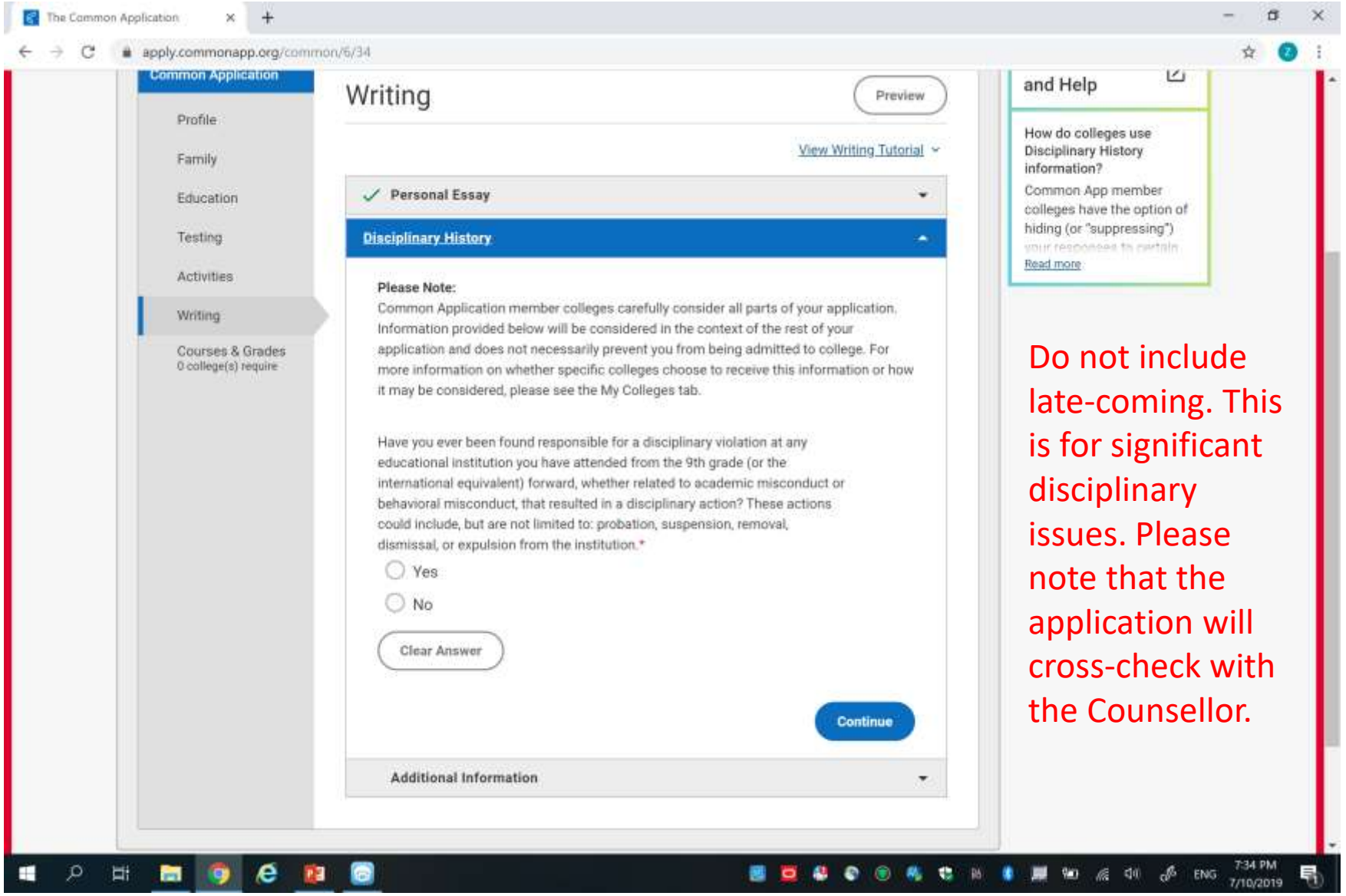

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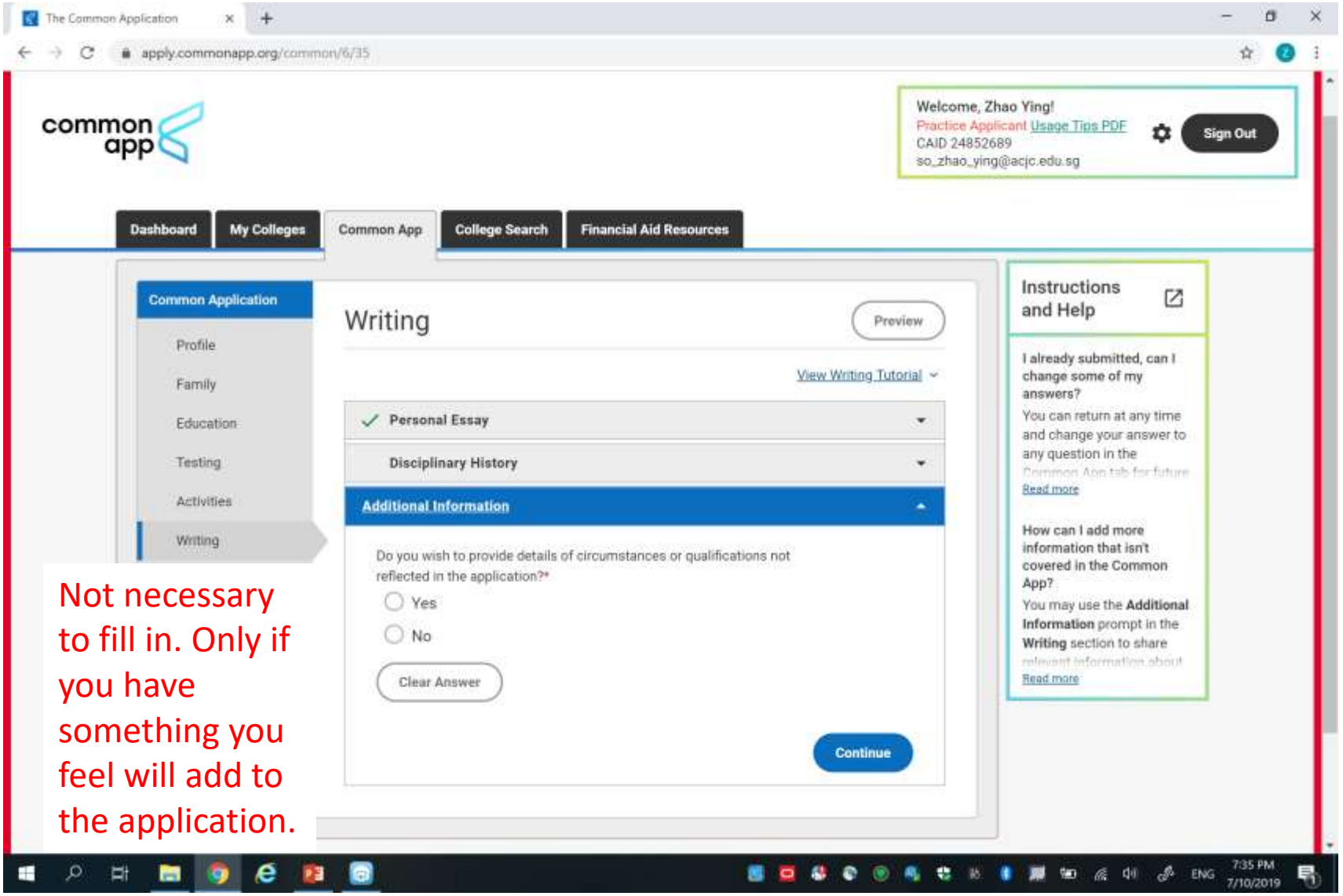

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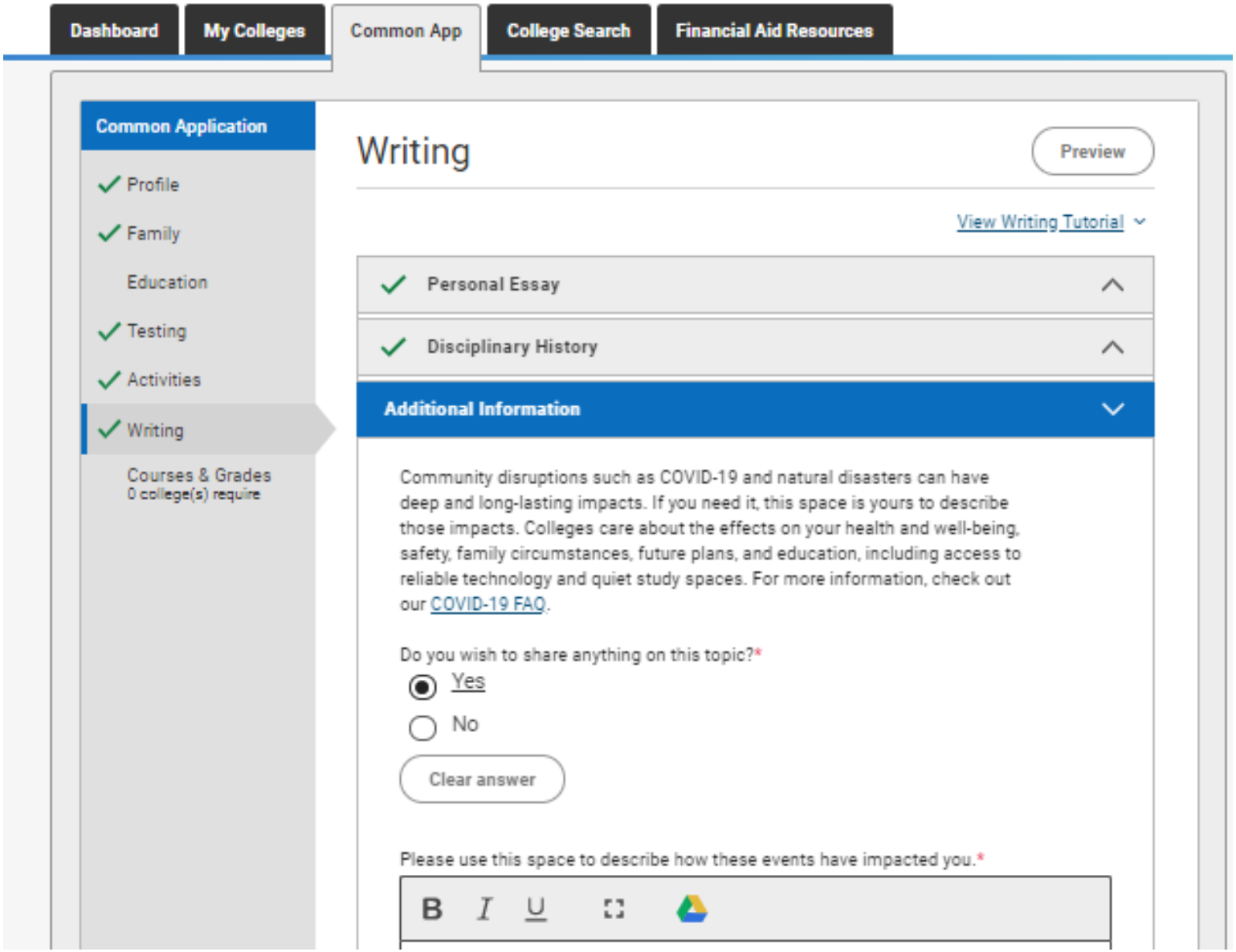

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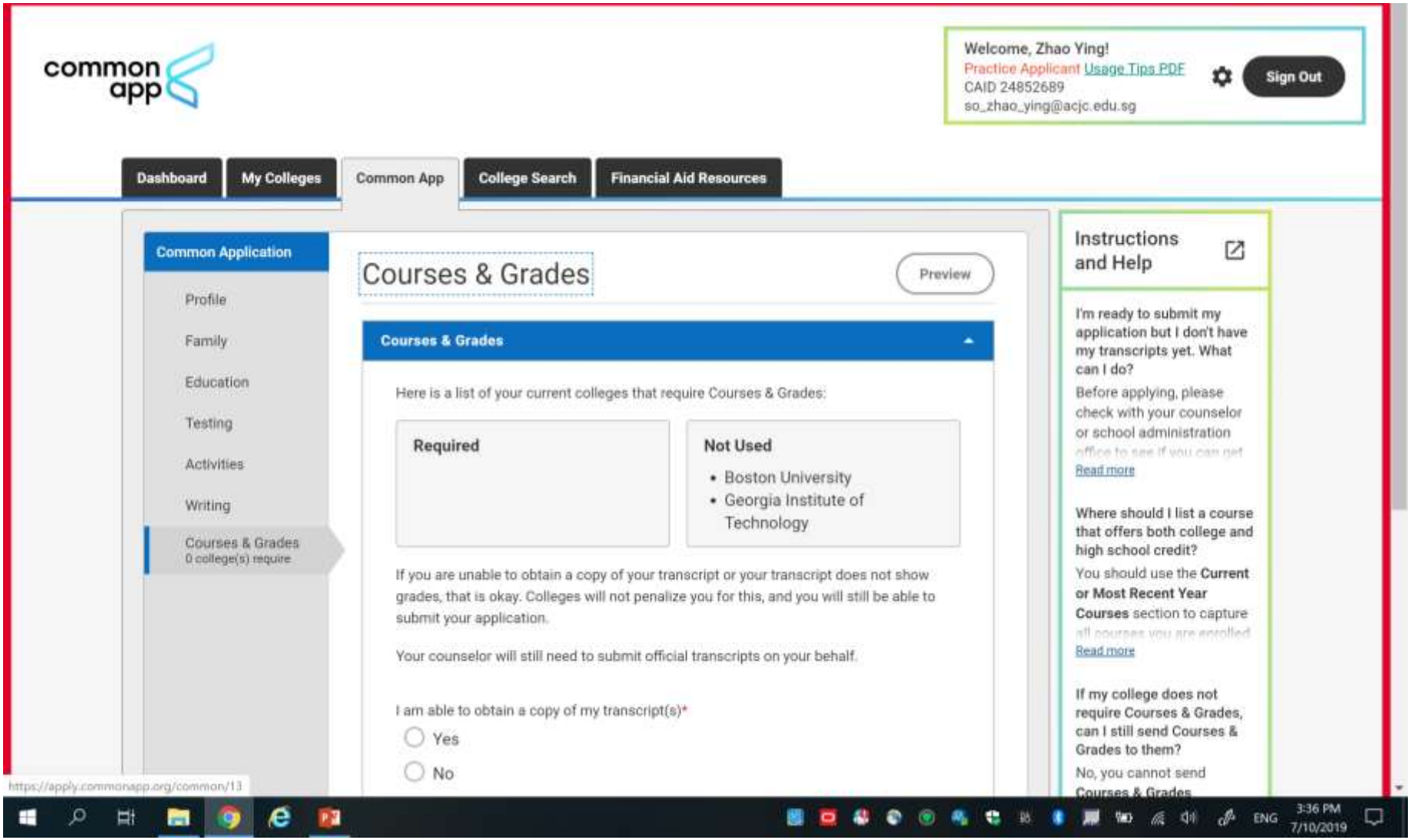

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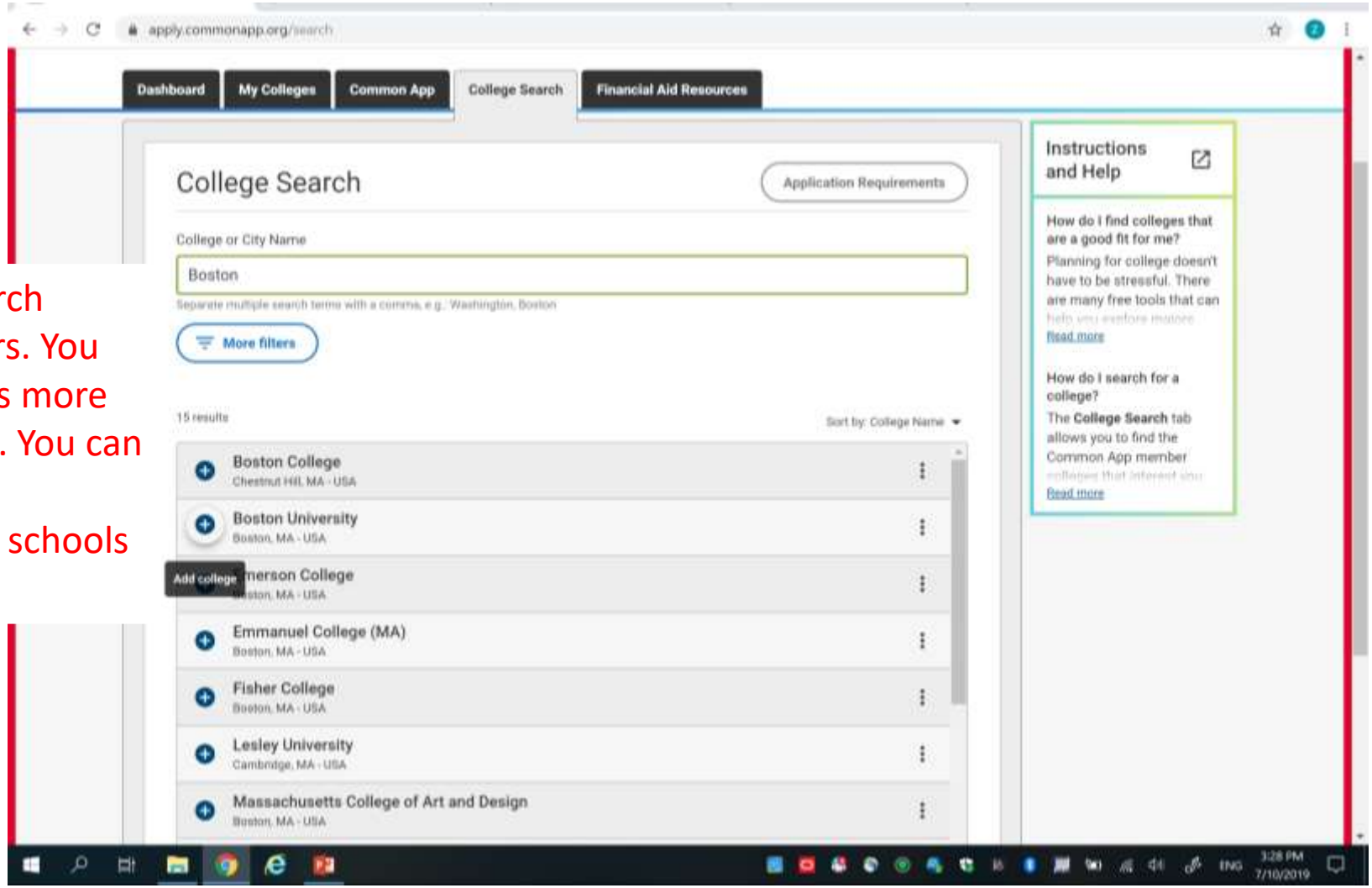

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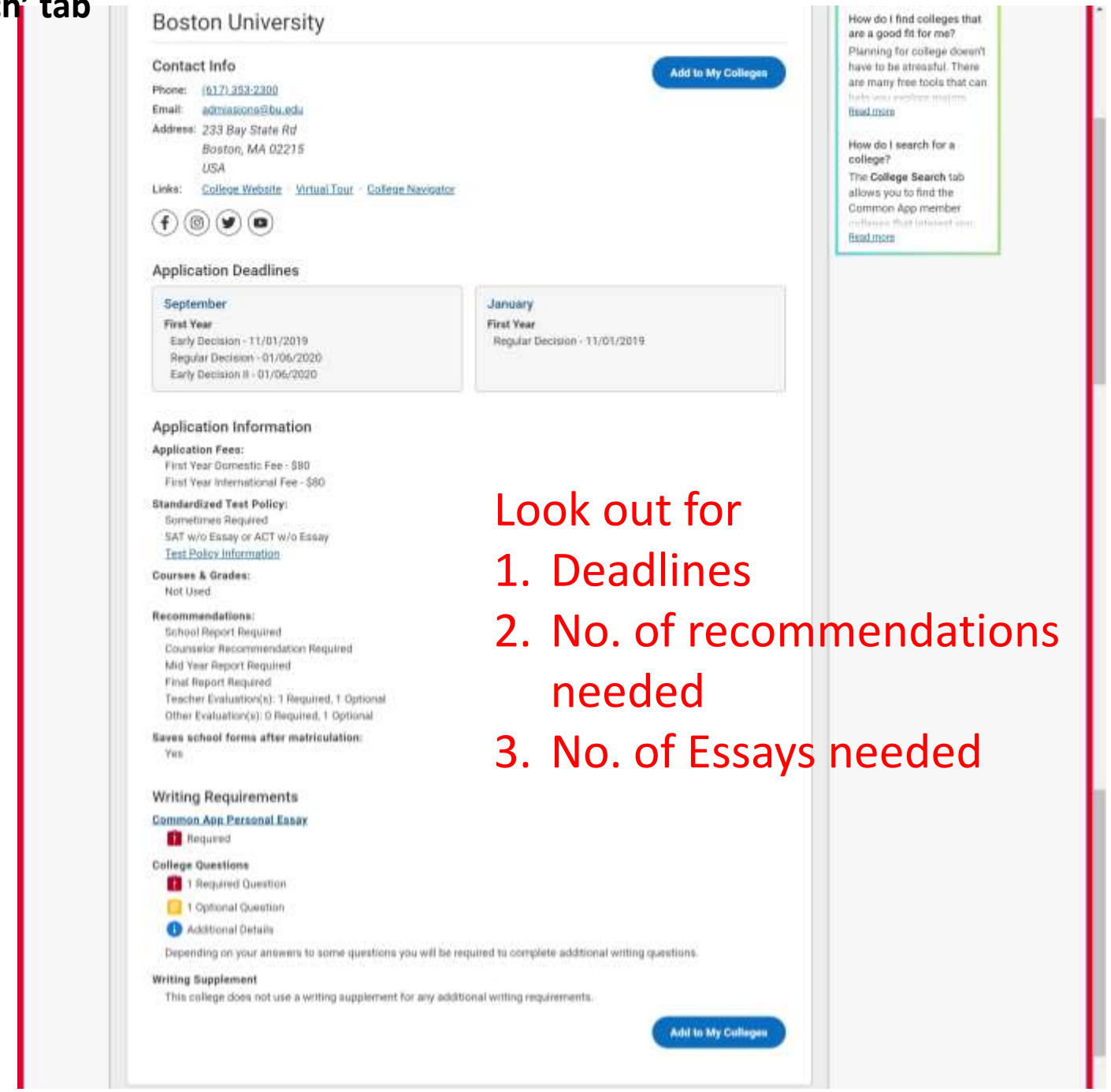

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1. Deadlines
2. No. of recommendations needed
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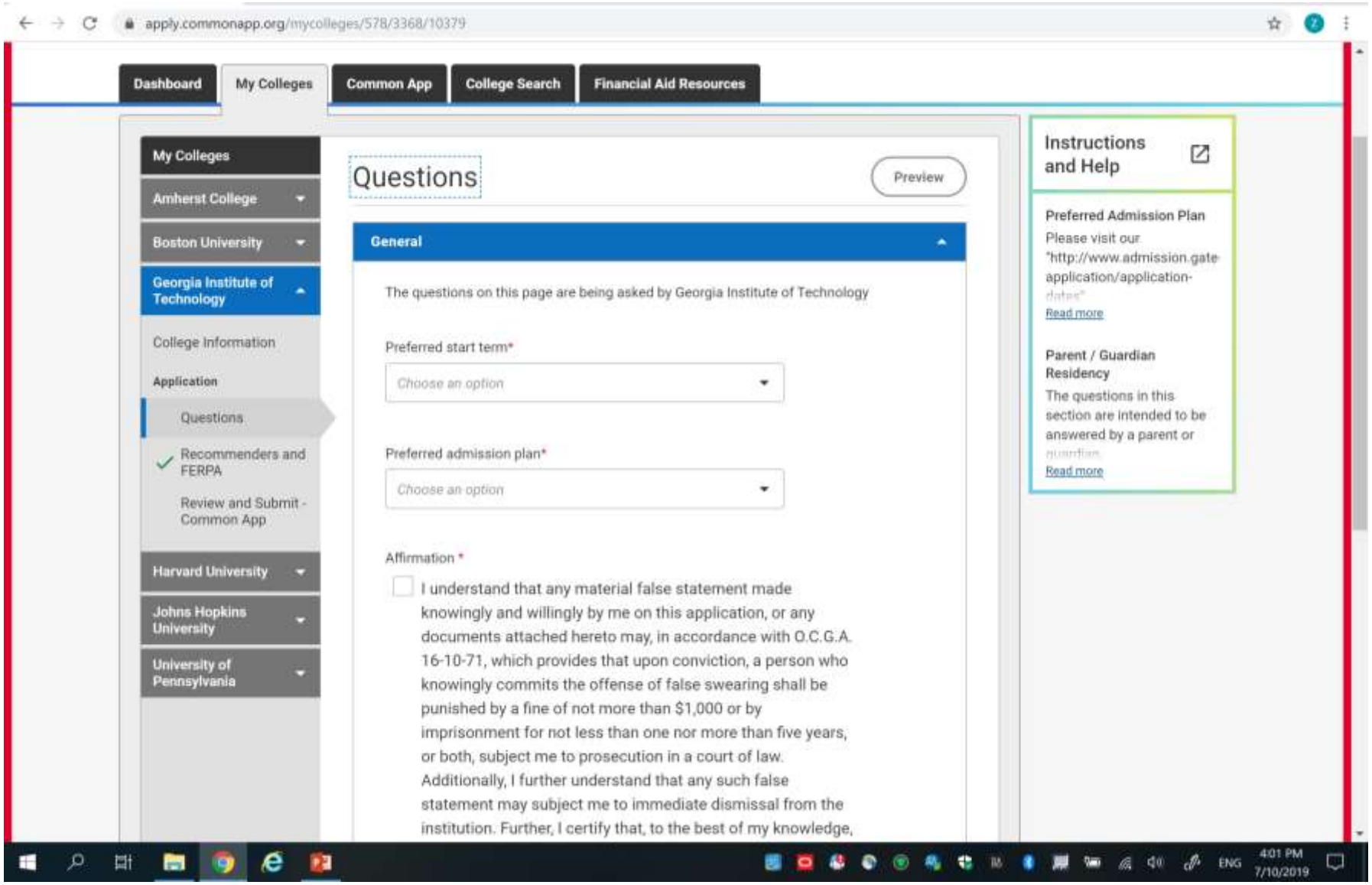

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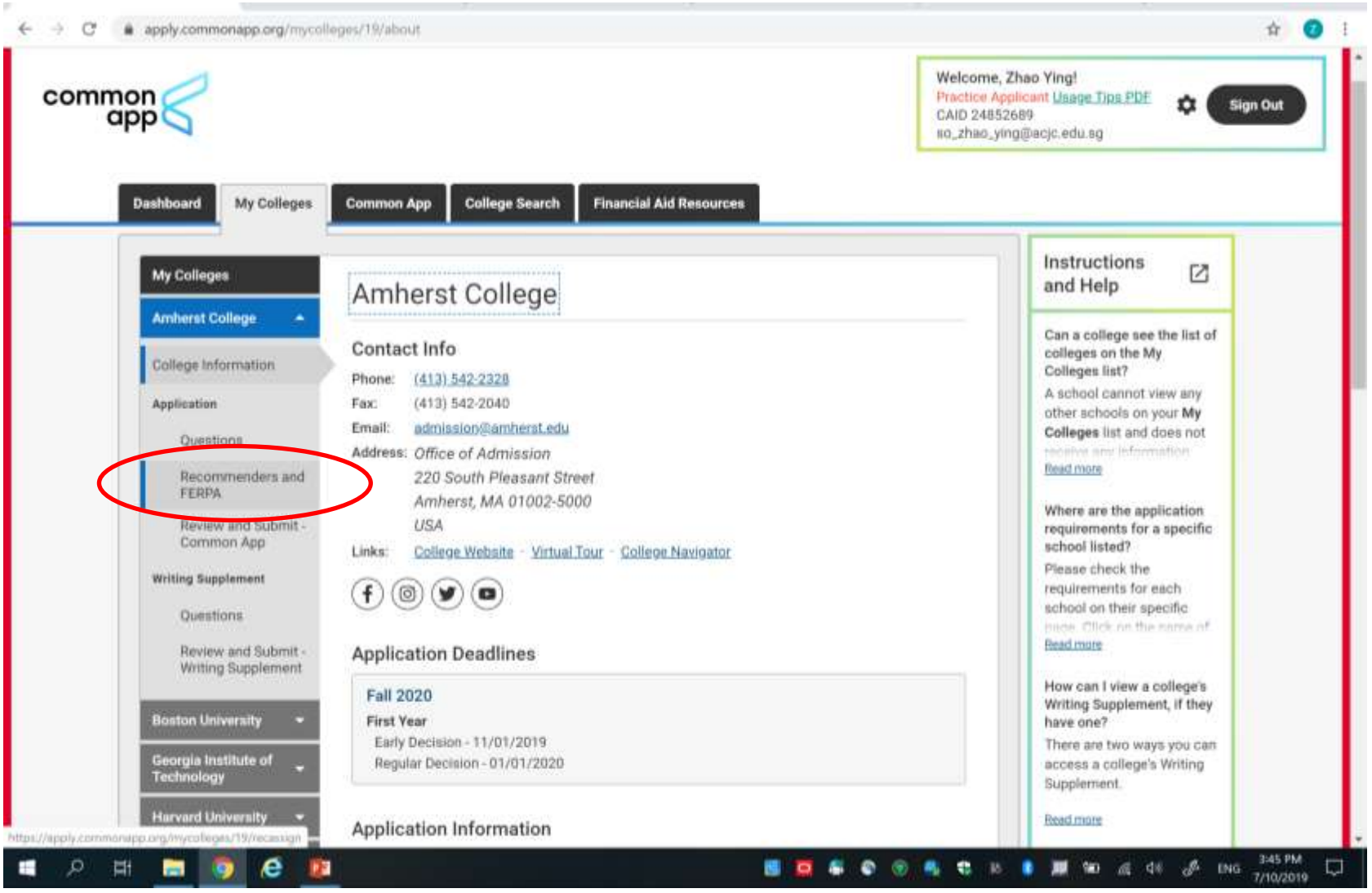

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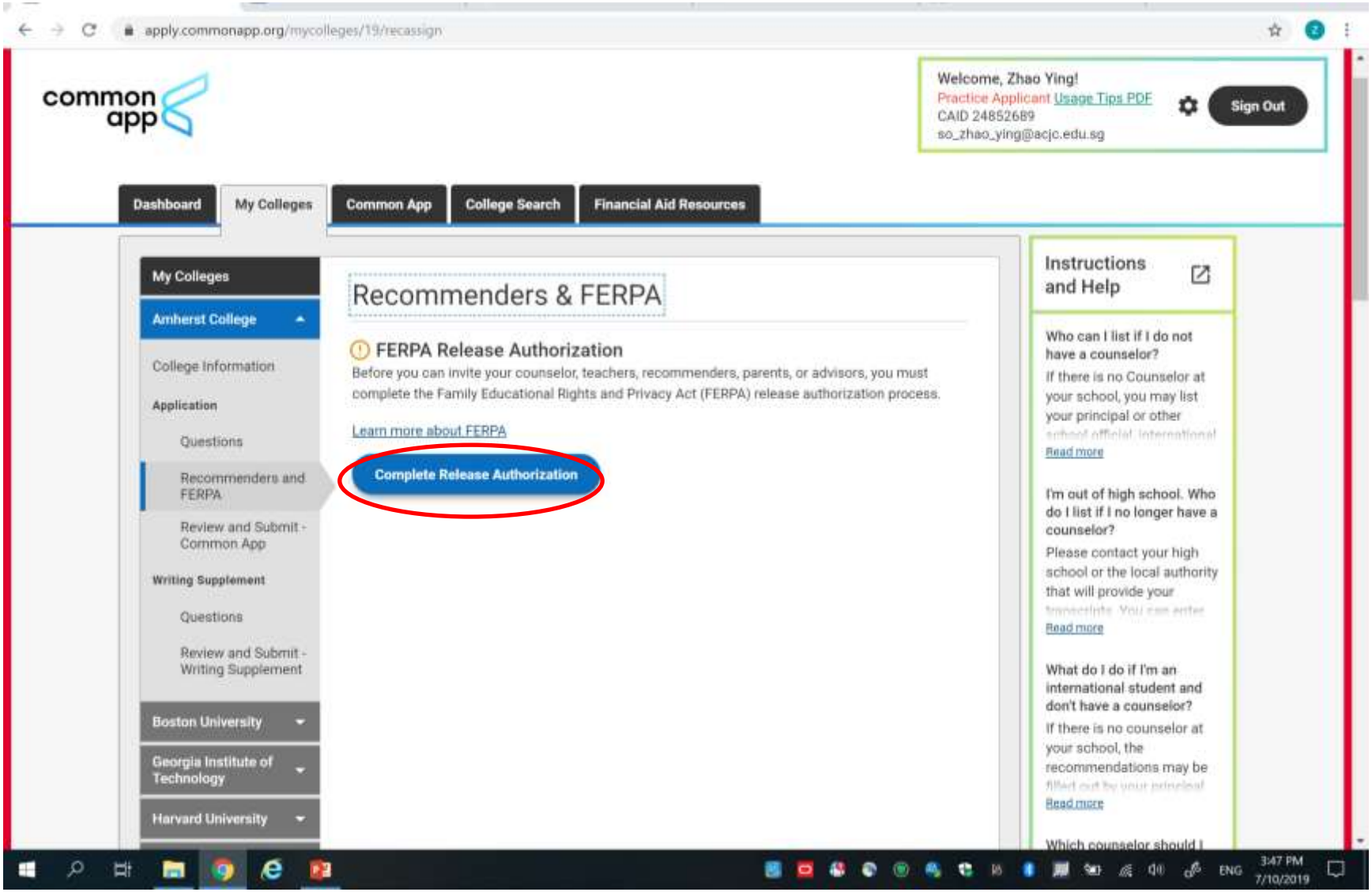

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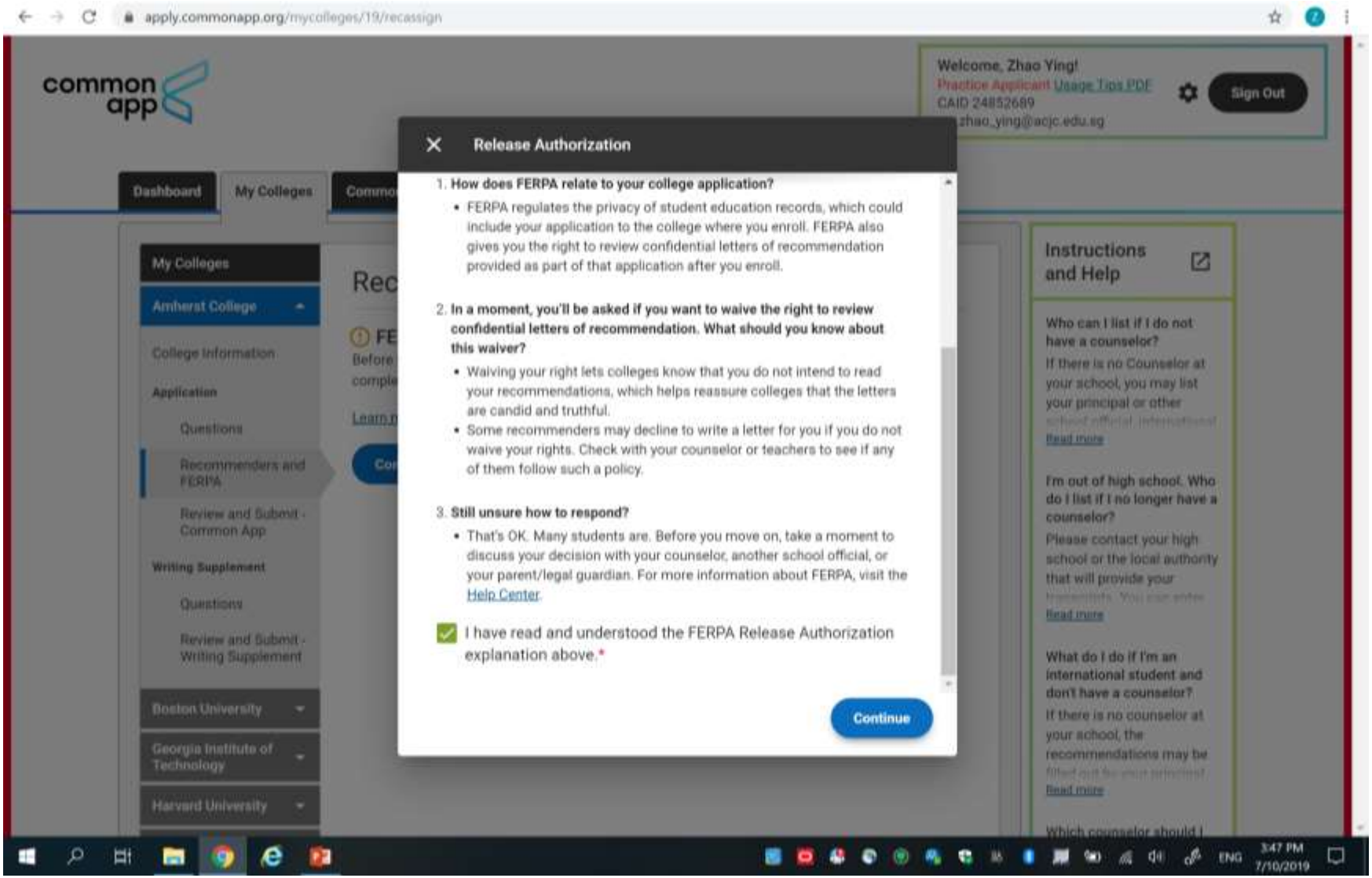

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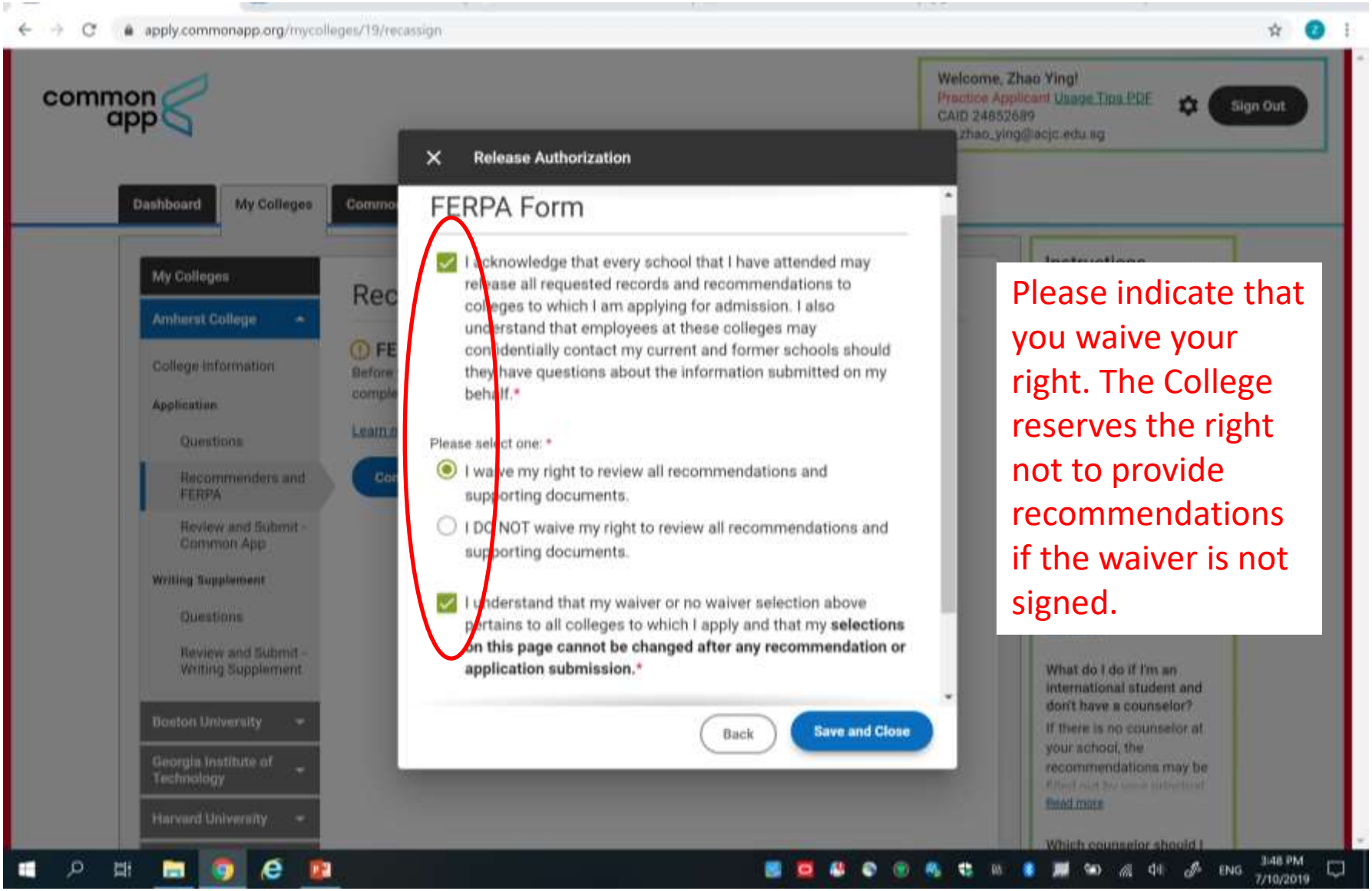

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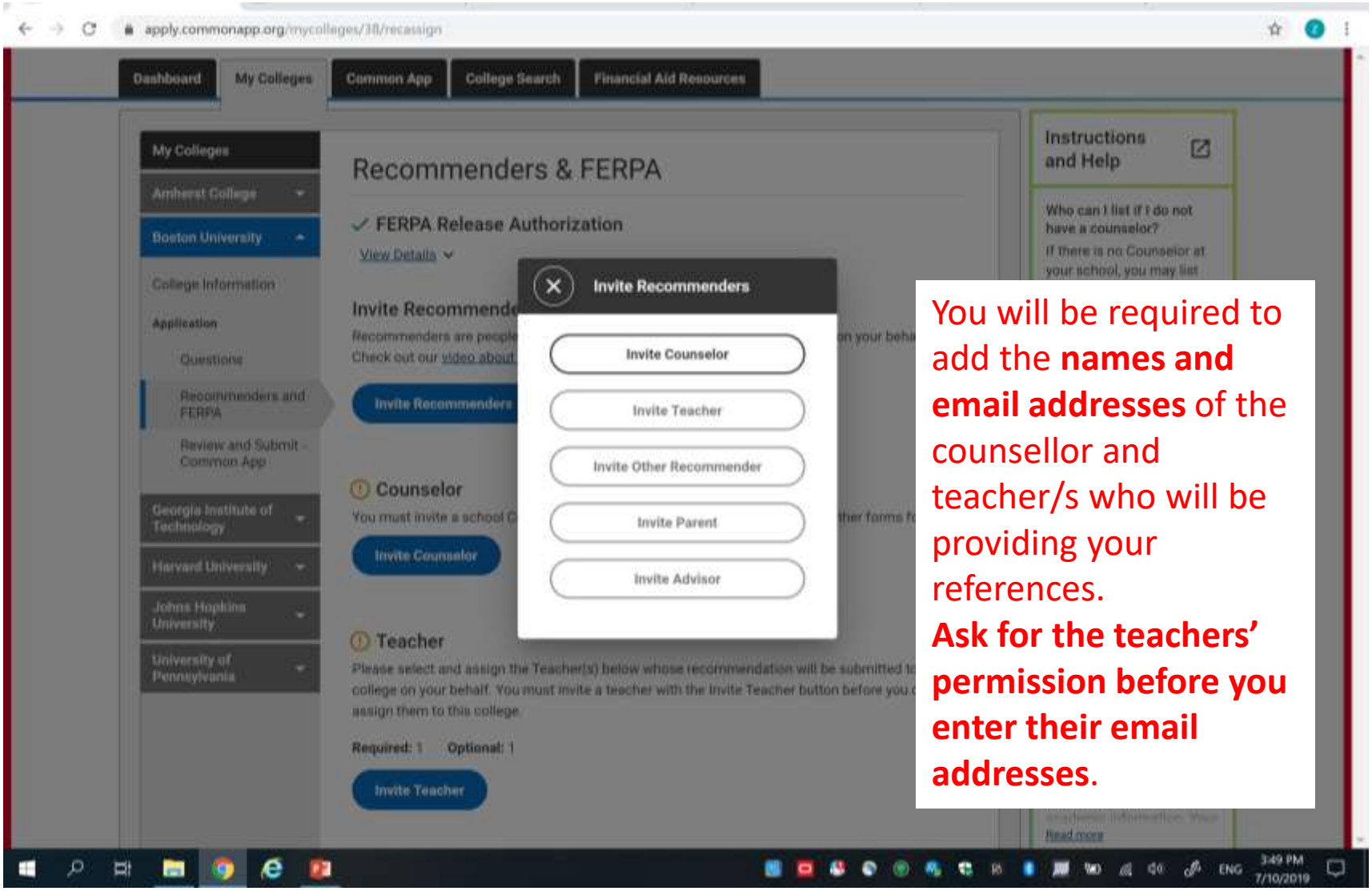

You will be required to add the **names and email addresses** of the counsellor and teacher/s who will be providing your references.

Ask for the teachers’ permission before you enter their email addresses.

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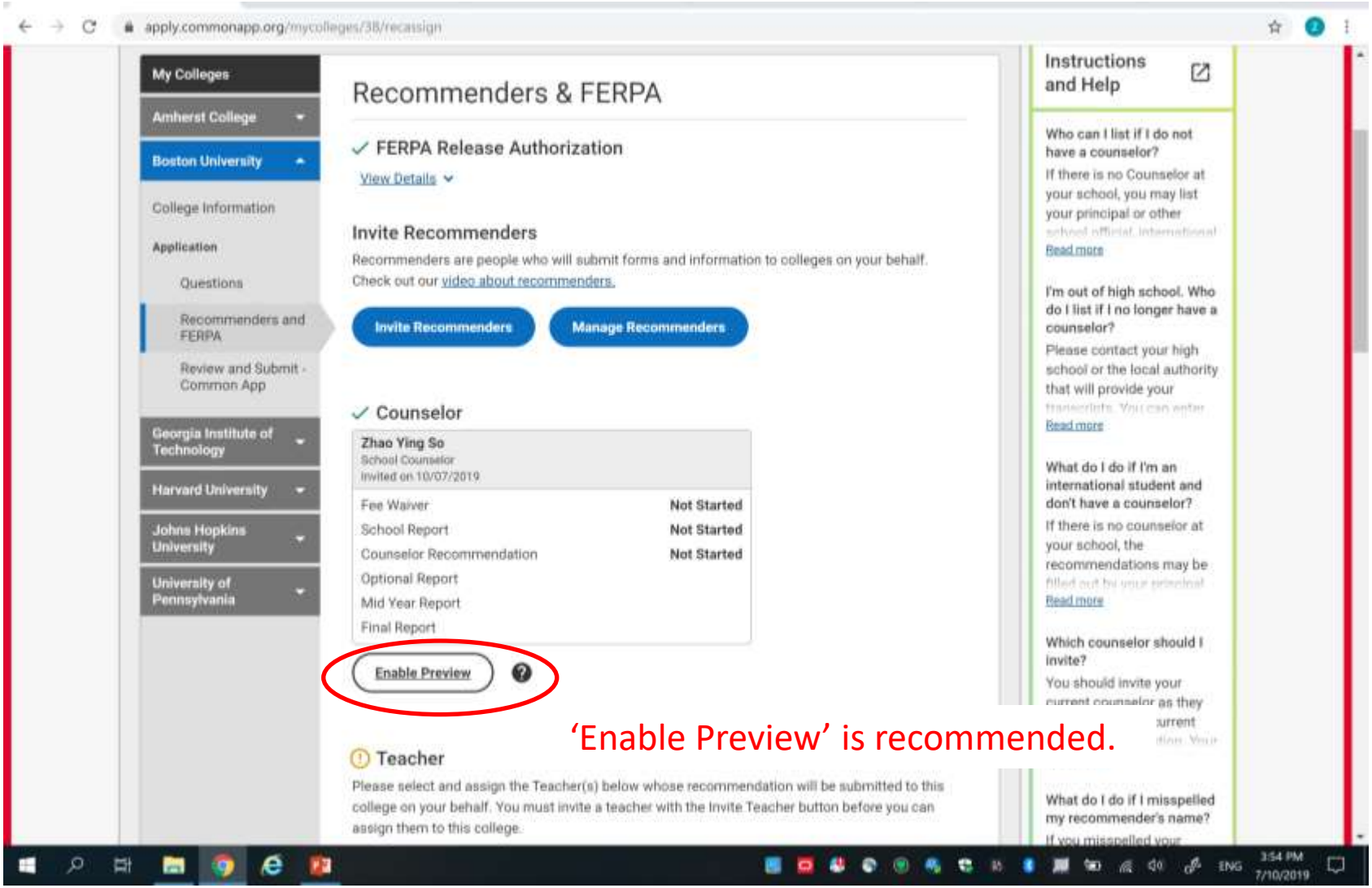

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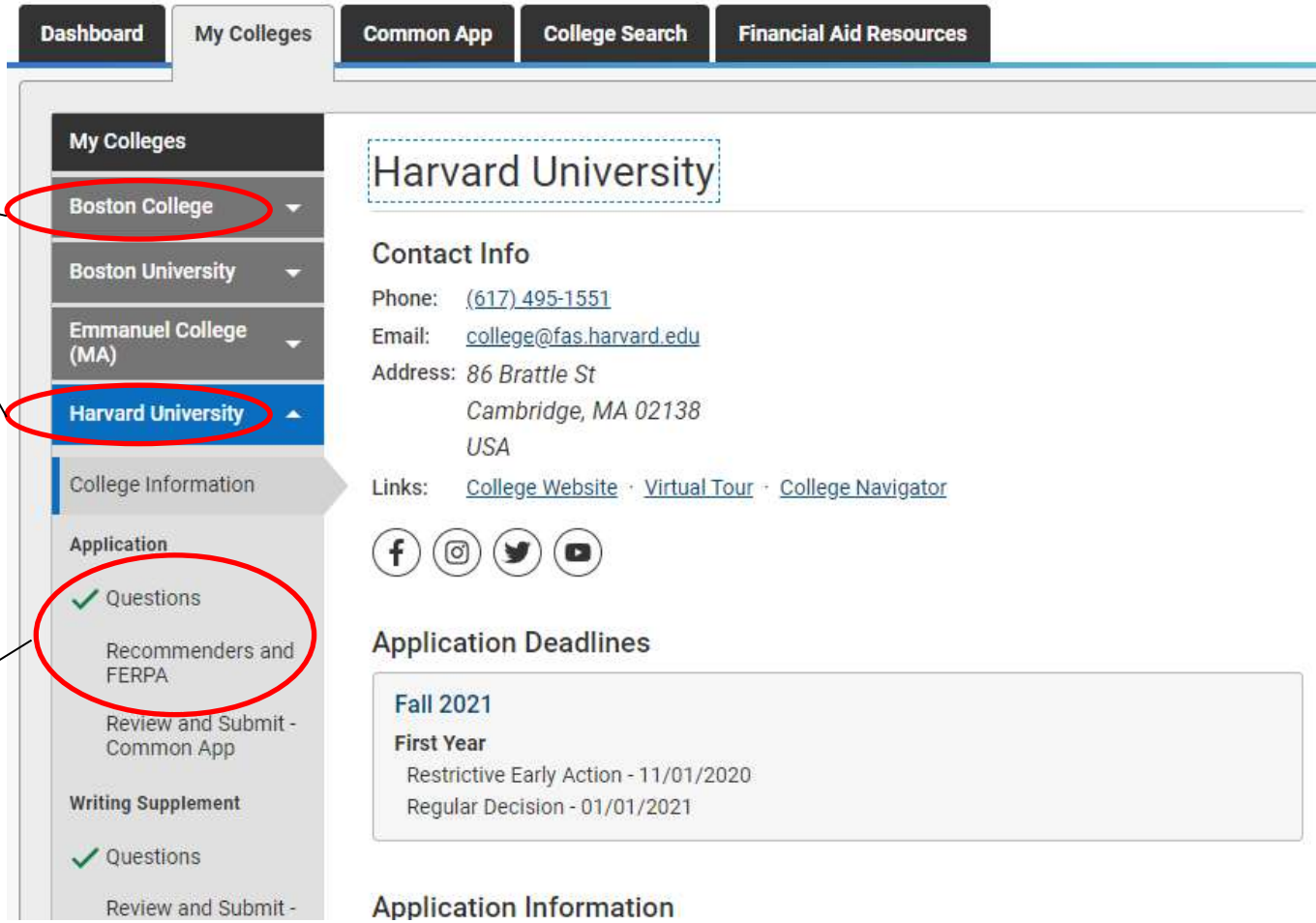
Manage your Colleges

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