

My name is Kylie Kibala and I am an incoming freshman to UNR this fall. I have many concerns regarding the potential requirement of the Covid-19 vaccine to attend UNR. I am adamantly against the requirement of the Covid-19 experimental vaccination to attend the university I have dreamed of attending since I was 11 and have rightly earned.

The Covid-19 vaccine is an experimental, non-FDA approved vaccine that we the people have yet to see the side effects of. My biggest concerns are: that the vaccine could risk female fertility rates and increase miscarriages due to the simple fact that this vaccine has not been approved by the FDA's standards.

At the age of 15, I had major abdominal surgery due to a near fatal ruptured appendix that resulted in many later health concerns, and three weeks of hospitalizations. Scar tissue that will forever be found in my pelvis. The scar tissues, also known as adhesions, when located in the female pelvic area, can result in higher infertility rates. The adhesions can form around the fallopian tubes and the ovaries affecting their normal function in carrying a child. Becoming a mother is my greatest dream. Ever since I was a child, I knew God called me to be a mom and love the children He would one day provide me with. If UNR decides to make the Covid-19 vaccine mandatory, they would be saying that I have to decide whether or not I want to follow my dream, and calling, of being a mother.

This has put me in an unfair position as an 18-year-old to decide between the education I have rightfully earned and choosing my future children. However, I will ultimately trust my body to protect me against Covid and give it the best opportunity to bring the gift of life into this world. I would be disappointed to lose \$16,000 worth of scholarships because the university mandated the vaccine. I would be disappointed to be stripped of my education at the university I have dreamed of attending. I would be disappointed to not be given a choice.

As a university that has a mission of inclusion and meeting the needs of their students, will you allow the population of unvaccinated students to be included? Services, such as Covid tests, would be a great way to include these students. Once a week, we could take our test to ensure the safety of ourselves and our Pack community. However, if the university opts against weekly testing, will I still be offered an online education? I truly believe I am deserving of an education at this Tier One establishment.

I hope you will consider the health and concerns of the unvaccinated population at UNR. Ultimately though, I will choose my health over in-person education, if the vaccine is required. Thank you for your time.