International Student Banking Information

International families can transfer money or access funds in the United States through a variety of ways. Below are several options to consider for your family.

1. An account with a bank card set up in a student's home country is the best option, so that parents can easily monitor the account, track student spending, and add funds when needed. An ATM on campus provides convenient cash access for a small fee. (You can find more details about our specific ATM through the link below. There are other businesses with other ATMs nearby. Please check with your bank regarding ATM fees outside your banking network.)

2. Visa prepaid credit and debit cards allow families to purchase pre-loaded cards to purchase retail items. (You may want to look for cards which are reloadable.) Please do an internet search to find what best works for your family or utilize this link for more information.

3. Funds (cash) can be brought from another country and held in the dormitory safe for student use. Dorm supervisors access funds upon student/parent request.

4. A United States account with debit card (Allpoint*) is a final, less recommended option for 13-19 year olds. This requires that a parent submit a bank application and identification documents to St. Croix to facilitate opening the account in the parent's name. This is a joint checking account which does not earn interest. Such accounts are only designed for your student's time at St. Croix and should be closed at the time of graduation. For questions, please reach out to TJulian@StCroixLutheran.org.

How can I manage funds from afar?

There are a variety of resources available such as MyKidsSpending on the internet that allow parents to track their child's spending. We encourage you to stay connected to the spending habits of your child.

***Note: Allpoint is not included in network on campus but has ATMs in several local businesses.**