



**FORT HOOD CONSOLIDATED CLIENT SERVICES**  
**Legal Assistance Office**

**Do I Need a Will?**

**Many Service Members Do Not Require a Will**

State law determines who will inherit your estate should you pass away without a will. If your preferences as to who you want to inherit your estate match these laws, you may not require a will.

**Who Does Not Require a Will?**

If you are single without children and you intend for your mother and father to inherit your estate, then you may not need a will.

If you are married, do not own significant separate property, and you intend for your spouse to inherit all community property, then you may not need a will.

**Who Needs a Will?**

If your preferences for who you would like to inherit your estate do not match relevant state law, you may need a will.

If you would like to designate a guardian for your children and/or designate how and when your children can inherit your estate, you may need a will.

**Talk to a Legal Assistance Attorney**

Discuss your estate plan with a Legal Assistance Attorney to determine whether you need a will or not. We are here to help!

