Do You Need a Trust?

If you die without a Trust, your estate is subject to Probate even if you have a Will. This form estimates what it will cost your family to probate your estate.

SAMPLE			YOU	
First, calculate the value of your estate:			First, calculate the value of your estate:	
1.	What is your home worth (selling price, not equity)?	\$800,000	What is your home worth (selling price, not equity)?	\$
2.	What is the value of other real property (including out of		2. What is the value of other real property (including out of	
	state property)?	\$	state property)?	\$
3.	Bank account balances (include checking, savings & CDs)?	\$ 20,000	3. Bank account balances (include checking, savings & CDs)?	\$
4.	Value of mutual funds and stocks?	\$ 20,000	4. Value of mutual funds and stocks?	\$
5.	Value of business interests?	\$ 40,000	5. Value of business interests?	\$
6.	Value of automobiles, RV's (sale price)?	\$ 15,000	6. Value of automobiles, RV's (sale price)?	\$
7.	Art, collectibles & furnishings?	<u>\$ 5,000</u>	7. Art, collectibles & furnishings?	\$
TOTAL ESTATE VALUE:		\$900,000	TOTAL ESTATE VALUE:	\$
Now, calculate the cost to probate your estate:			Now, calculate the cost to probate your estate:	
1.	4% of first \$100,000 of total estate value:	\$ 4,000	1. 4% of first \$100,000 of total estate value:	\$
2.	3% of next \$100,000 of total estate value:	\$ 3,000	2. 3% of next \$100,000 of total estate value:	\$
3.	2% of next \$800,000 of total estate value:	\$ 14,000	3. 2% of next \$800,000 of total estate value:	\$
4.	1% of the next \$9M	\$ <u>0</u>	4. 1% of the next \$9M:	\$
5.	1/2% of the next \$15M	\$ <u>0</u>	5. ½% of the next \$15M:	\$
6.	For all amounts over \$25M, a "reasonable amount."	\$ 0	6. For all amounts over \$25M, a "reasonable amount."	\$
Subtotal: \$ 21		\$ 21,000	Subtotal:	\$
7.	Multiply subtotal times 2 because the above fees are		7. Multiply subtotal times 2 because the above fees are	
	paid to both the Executor and Attorney :	\$ 42,000	paid to both the Executor and Attorney :	\$
8.	Add approximate costs:	\$ 2,000	8. Add approximate costs:	\$
TOTAL PROBATE COSTS & FEES: \$ 44,000		\$ 44,000	TOTAL PROBATE COSTS & FEES:	\$