

Wizard of Oz Character Descriptions

Note: Age ranges are only an approximation. The Director reserves the right to make adjustments during the casting process based upon the pool of auditionees. Please do not let the age ranges prevent you from auditioning for a particular role.

Dorothy Gale: Must be able to appear 14-19 years of age. Soprano (Range: G to C). Young, innocent girl with a tendency to find trouble. Loves her family, friends and her dog, Toto. Sings “Somewhere Over the Rainbow”, “We’re Off to See the Wizard”, and “Jitterbug”.

Zeke /Cowardly Lion: Must be able to appear 20-45. Baritone/Tenor (Range B flat to F). Farmhand and friend of Dorothy in Kansas who turns into Lion in Oz. Sings “If I Only Had the Nerve”, “King of the Forest”, “Jitterbug” and “We’re Off to See the Wizard”.

Hickory /Tin Man: Must be able to appear 20-45. Baritone/Tenor (Range B flat to G). Farmhand and friend of Dorothy who turns into Tin Man in Oz. Sings “If I Only Had a Heart”, “Jitterbug” and “We’re Off to See the Wizard”.

Hunk/Scarecrow: Must be able to appear 20-45. Baritone/Tenor (Range B flat to F sharp). Farmhand and friend of Dorothy who turns into Scarecrow in Oz. Sings “If I Only Had a Brain”, “Jitterbug” and “We’re Off to See the Wizard”.

Auntie Em: Must be able to appear 40-65. Dorothy’s Aunt who is hard working and sturdy and although she is extremely busy, she cares very much about Dorothy. Non-singing role.

Uncle Henry: Must be able to appear 40-65. Dorothy’s Uncle. He is an honest hardworking man who owns a small farm. He is kind and also cares a great deal about Dorothy. Non-singing role.

Glinda: Must be able to appear 25-45. Soprano (Range G to C). The good witch. She is beautiful and the protector of the Munchkins and Dorothy. Sings in the “Munchkins Musical Sequence” and in the “Poppies Sequence”.

Professor Marvel/Wizard of Oz: Must be able to appear 40-60. Friendly traveling salesman who convinces Dorothy to go back home to her family after she runs away and turns into the powerful ruler of the Emerald City. Non-singing role.

Wicked Witch of the West/Ms. Gulch: Must be able to appear 25-60. The bad witch. She is green and mean. Dorothy’s enemy. Non-singing role.

The following are chorus characters and may be cast in multiple roles:

Ozians: People who live in the Emerald City. (Must be able to appear at least 14 years old.) Sing “Merry Old Land of Oz”.

- Beauticians: Make over Dorothy after her travels to Oz.
- Polishers: Clean up the Tin Man after his travels to Oz.
- Manicurists: Clean up the Lion after his travels to Oz.

Winkies: Guards of the Witch's castle. Sing "The Winkies' March."

Winkie General: Leader of the Winkies sings "The Winkies' March."

Nikko: Monkey Leader. Wicked Witch's right hand simian. Non-singing role. Likely to be a doubled role with an older munchkin or younger Ozian.

Winged Monkeys: Minions of the Wicked Witch. Non-singing role. Likely to be a doubled role with munchkins.

Lead Jitterbug: Dancer. Leader of the Jitterbugs. Sings in "The Jitterbug".

Jitterbug Chorus: Dancers. Sing "The Jitterbug".

Munchkins: (Must be able to appear ages 6 to 13) Citizens of Munchkinland. Sing "Ding-Dong! The Witch is Dead" and "Munchkinland Sequence" and "Yellow Brick Road".

The following Munchkins with speaking or solo lines will be cast from the chorus of Munchkins:

- Mayor: Solo lines in "Munchkinland Sequence" and "Yellow Brick Road"
- Coroner: Solo lines in "Munchkinland Sequence" and "Yellow Brick Road"
- Fiddler Solo lines in "Yellow Brick Road"
- Braggart: Line in "Munchkinland Musical Sequence"
- Barrister: Solo lines in "Munchkinland Sequence"
- The Lullaby League in the "Munchkinland Musical Sequence" (3 to 6)
- The Lollipop League in the "Munchkinland Musical Sequence" (3 to 6)
- City Fathers: Solo/Trio lines in "Munchkinland Sequence" (3)

Crows: In Scarecrow scene. Must be able to sing and harmonize in "If I Only Had a Brain." Also have some lines of dialogue in same scene.

Trees: In Tin Man Scene. They are not happy when Dorothy picks their apples. Must be able to sing and harmonize in "If I Only Had a Heart". Must have ability to tap dance. Also have some lines of dialogue in same scene.

Guard of Oz: He guards the entrance to Oz. Sings "Merry Old Land of Oz." (Range B flat to E flat) Could be doubled with Uncle Henry.

Optimistic Voices: 4 girls cast from adult chorus. Must be able to sing and harmonize.

Cyclone/Snow Dance Ensemble: Non-singing ballet roles (pointe ability preferable). May also audition for other chorus roles. Will represent the cyclone and snow and will appear in "The Jitterbug."